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For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

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# Match Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

#### Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

26-4278917 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

75231

Name of exchange on which registered

75231 (Zip Code)

 $8750\ North\ Central\ Expressway,\ Suite\ 1400,\ Dallas,\ Texas$ 

(Address of Registrant's principal executive offices)

Title of each class

(214) 576-9352

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

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Common Stock			46,049,219
Class B Common Stock			209,919,402
Class C Common Stock			<u> </u>
Total			255 968 621

The aggregate market value of the voting common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2016 was \$590,129,802. For the purpose of the foregoing calculation only, shares held by IAC/InterActiveCorp and all directors and executive officers of the registrant are assumed to be affiliates of the registrant.

# **Documents Incorporated By Reference:**

Portions of the Registrant's proxy statement for its 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III herein.

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#### PART I

#### Item 1. Business

#### Who we are

Match Group, Inc. is the world's leading provider of dating products. We operate a portfolio of over 45 brands, including Match, Tinder, PlentyOfFish, Meetic, OkCupid, Pairs, Twoo, OurTime, BlackPeopleMeet and LoveScout24, each designed to increase our users' likelihood of finding a romantic connection. Through our portfolio of trusted brands, we provide tailored products to meet the varying preferences of our users. We currently offer our dating products in 42 languages across more than 190 countries. Match Group operates in two segments: Dating and Non-dating.

All references to "Match Group," the "Company," "we," "our" or "us" in this report are to Match Group, Inc.

Our target market includes all adults in North America, Western Europe and many other regions around the world who are not in a committed relationship and who have access to the internet. Consumer preferences within this population vary significantly, influenced in part by demographics, geography, religion and sensibility. As a result, the market for dating products is fragmented, and no single product has been able to effectively serve the dating category as a whole.

Given wide ranging consumer preferences, we approach the category with a brand portfolio strategy, through which we attempt to offer dating products that collectively appeal to the broadest spectrum of consumers. We believe that this approach maximizes our ability to capture additional users. We increasingly apply a centralized discipline to learnings, best practices and technologies across our brands in order to increase growth, reduce costs and maximize profitability. This approach allows us to quickly introduce new products and features, optimize marketing strategies, reduce operating costs and more effectively deploy talent across our organization.

Coinciding with the general trend toward mobile technology, in recent years we have experienced (and continue to experience) a meaningful shift in our user base from desktop devices to mobile devices, and currently offer mobile experiences on substantially all of our dating products. This shift has enabled us to reach groups of users which had previously proven elusive, such as the millennial audience; for example, Tinder, a mobile-only product, has been able to tap into this audience rapidly over the last few years. Additionally, in previously desktop-oriented products like Match, the shift to mobile has led to increased usage of our products, as mobile users on average access our products at meaningfully higher rates than do those users who access our products on desktop.

In addition to our dating business, we also currently operate The Princeton Review, which provides a variety of test preparation, academic tutoring and college counseling services. In January 2017, we entered into a definitive agreement to sell The Princeton Review to ST Unitas, a global education technology company. The transaction is expected to close in the first half of 2017.

#### Enabling dating in a digital world

Prior to the proliferation of computers and mobile devices, human connections traditionally were limited by social circles, geography and time. Today, the adoption of the internet and mobile technology has significantly expanded the ways in which people can build relationships, create new interactions and develop romantic connections.

We believe that dating products serve as a natural extension of the traditional means of meeting people and provide a number of benefits for their users, including:

- Expanded options: Dating products provide users access to a large number of like-minded people they otherwise would not have a chance to meet.
- Efficiency: The search and matching features, as well as the profile information available on dating products, allow users to filter a large number of options in a short period of time, increasing the likelihood that users will make a connection with someone.
- More comfort and control: Compared to the traditional ways that people meet, dating products provide an environment that makes the process of reaching out to new people less uncomfortable. This leads to many people who would otherwise be passive participants in the dating process taking a more active role.
- Convenience: The nature of the internet and the proliferation of mobile devices allow users to connect with new people at any time, regardless of where they are.

Depending on a person's circumstances at any given time, dating products can act as a supplement to, or substitute for, traditional means of meeting people. When selecting a dating product, we believe that users consider the following attributes:

- Brand recognition: Brand is very important. Users generally associate strong dating brands with a higher likelihood of success and a higher level of security. Generally, successful dating brands depend on large, active communities of users, strong algorithmic filtering technology and awareness of successful usage among similar users.
- Successful experiences: Demonstrated success of other users attracts new users through word-of-mouth recommendations. Successful experiences also drive repeat usage.
- Community identification: Users typically look for dating products that offer a community with which the user most strongly associates. By selecting a dating product that is focused on a particular demographic, religion, geography or intent (for example, casual dating or more serious relationships), users can increase the likelihood that they will make a connection with someone with whom they identify.
- Product features and user experience: Users tend to gravitate towards dating products that offer features and user experiences that resonate with them, such as question-based matching algorithms, location-based features, offline events or search capabilities. User experience is also driven by the type of user interface (for example, swiping versus scrolling), a particular mix of free and paid features, ease of use and security. Users expect every interaction with a dating product to be seamless, intuitive and secure.

## Our Dating portfolio

Dating is a highly personal endeavor and consumers have a wide variety of preferences that determine what type of dating product they choose. For example, some users may look for a specific type of user interface, while others may look for a dating product that offers a community of people with similar demographic characteristics or that has a particular mix of free and paid features.

As a result, we approach the category with a portfolio strategy in order to reach a broad range of users. Our portfolio consists of over 45 brands, available in 42 languages, and offered in over 190 countries. The following is a list of our key brands:

Match. Match was launched in 1995 and helped create the online dating category. Among its distinguishing features is the ability to both search profiles, receive algorithmic matches and the ability to attend live events, promoted by Match, with other members. Because the ability to communicate between members is generally a component of paid membership, Match has a high percentage of paying users which generally indicates a higher level of intent than some of our other brands. Match relies heavily on word-of-mouth traffic, repeat usage and paid marketing, and has a relatively balanced age distribution across the single population.

*Tinder.* Tinder was launched in 2012, and has since risen to scale and popularity faster than any other product in the dating category. Tinder's mobile-only offering and distinctive "right swipe" feature have led to significant adoption among the millennial generation, previously underserved by the dating category.

*PlentyOfFish.* PlentyOfFish was launched in 2003 and acquired in October 2015. Similar to Match, among its distinguishing features is the ability to both search profiles and receive algorithmic matches. Similar to OkCupid, PlentyOfFish has grown to popularity over the years with very limited marketing spend. PlentyOfFish has broad appeal in the central United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and a number of other international markets.

Meetic. Meetic, a leading European online dating company based France, was founded in 2001. Similar to Match, among its distinguishing features is the ability to both search profiles and receive algorithmic matches, and the ability to attend live events, promoted by Meetic, with other members. Also, similar to Match, because the ability to communicate between members is generally a component of paid membership, Meetic's high percentage of paying users indicates a generally higher level of intent than some of our other brands. Meetic relies heavily on word-of-mouth traffic, repeat usage and paid marketing, and has a relatively balanced age distribution across the single population.

OkCupid. OkCupid was launched in 2004, and has attracted users through a mathematical and Q&A approach to the category. OkCupid has grown meaningfully over the years without significant marketing spend. OkCupid has a loyal user base in many major United States cities, which tends, on average, to be younger than the user base of Match.

Pairs. Pairs was launched in 2012 by Eureka, which we acquired in May 2015, Pairs is a leading provider of dating products in Japan, with a strong presence in Taiwan and a growing presence in other select Asian countries. Pairs is a Facebook

based dating app that was specifically designed to address social barriers generally associated with the use of dating products in Asian countries, particularly Japan.

Twoo. Twoo was founded in 2011 and has been highly successful in creating dating products seeded through existing social networks. Its viral acquisition tactics and internationalized platform have enabled Twoo to rapidly expand in a relatively short time. Twoo's user base is concentrated in Europe, Asia and South America.

Our Time, BlackPeopleMeet and our other affinity brands. Our affinity brands serve the needs of individuals for whom commonalities around age, religion, ethnicity or circumstance are of fundamental importance when making a romantic connection. For example, Our Time is age-centric, and its user base is the largest community of singles over age 50 of any dating product, while BlackPeopleMeet is race-centric.

LoveScout24. Founded in 2007, LoveScout24 (formerly known as FriendScout24) is a leading provider of dating products in Germany with a strong presence in Austria and Switzerland. It is characterized by its search-based product offering, in contrast to the "matching" products that are otherwise predominant in the German markets.

Product Features and Pricing. All our Dating products enable users to establish a profile and review other people's profiles without charge. Each product also offers additional features, some of which are free, and some of which require payment depending on the particular product. In general, access to premium features requires a paid membership, which is typically offered in packages (primarily ranging from one month to six months), depending on the product and circumstance. Prices differ meaningfully within a given brand by the duration of membership purchased, by the bundle of paid features that a user chooses to access, and by whether or not a customer is taking advantage of any special offers. In addition to paid memberships, many of our products offer the user the ability to promote themselves for a given period of time, or to review certain profiles without any signaling to the other members, and these features are offered on a pay-per-use basis. The precise mix of paid and premium features is established over time on a brand-by-brand basis and is constantly subject to iteration and evolution.

*Portfolio approach.* The brands in our portfolio both compete and collaborate with each other. We attempt to empower individual business leaders with the authority and incentives to grow each of our brands. Our businesses compete with each other and with third-party businesses in our category on brand characteristics, product features, and business model. We also attempt to centrally facilitate excellence and efficiency across the entire portfolio by:

- centralizing certain administrative areas, like legal, human resources and finance, across the entire portfolio to enable each brand to focus more on growth;
- centralizing other areas across certain businesses where we have strength in personnel and sufficient commonality of business interest (for example, ad sales, online marketing and technology centralized across some, but not all, businesses);
- developing talent across the portfolio to allow for expertise development and career advancement while giving us the ability to deploy the best talent in the most critical positions across the company at any given time; and
- sharing data to leverage product and marketing successes across our businesses rapidly for competitive advantage.

# **Our Non-dating business**

In addition to our Dating business, we also operate The Princeton Review, which provides a variety of educational test preparation, academic tutoring and college counseling services. The Princeton Review includes Tutor.com (acquired in 2012) and The Princeton Review (acquired in 2014). In January 2017, we entered into a definitive agreement to sell The Princeton Review to ST Unitas, a global education technology company. The transaction is expected to close in the first half of 2017.

#### Revenue

Our Dating revenue is primarily derived directly from users in the form of recurring membership fees, which typically provide unlimited access to a bundle of features for a specific period of time, and the balance from à la carte features, where users pay a fee for a specific action or event. Each of our brands offers a combination of free and paid features targeted to its unique community. In addition to direct revenue from our users, we generate indirect revenue from online advertising. Non-dating revenue consists primarily of fees received directly from students for in-person and online test preparation classes, access to online test preparation materials and individual tutoring services.

#### Sales and marketing

We attract the majority of our users through word-of-mouth and other free channels. In addition, many of our brands rely on paid customer acquisition for a significant percentage of their users. Our online marketing activities generally consist of purchasing banner and other display advertising, search engine marketing, email campaigns and business development or partnership deals. Our offline marketing activities generally consist of television advertising and related public relations efforts, as well as events.

#### **Technology**

Consistent with our general operating philosophy, each of our brands tends to develop its own technology systems to support its product, leveraging both open-source and vendor supported software technology. Each of our various brands has dedicated engineering teams responsible for software development and creation of new features to support our products across the full range of devices, from desktop to mobile-web to native mobile applications. Our engineering teams use an agile development process, allowing us to deploy frequent iterative releases for product features. Excluding costs capitalized, the Company incurred \$83.1 million, \$67.3 million and \$49.7 million in the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively, on product development.

We host the majority of our brands in leased data centers located within the general geography served by the brand. Other brands utilize hosted web services, primarily Amazon Web Services, to support their infrastructure.

#### Competition

The dating industry is competitive and has no single, dominant brand globally. We compete with a number of other companies that provide similar dating and matchmaking products.

In addition to other online dating brands, we compete indirectly with offline dating services, such as in-person matchmakers, and social media platforms. Arguably, our biggest competition comes from the traditional ways that people meet each other, and the choices some people make to not utilize dating products or services

We believe that our ability to compete successfully will depend primarily upon the following factors:

- •our ability to increase consumer acceptance of dating products;
- •the continued strength of our brands;
- •the breadth and depth of our active communities of users relative to those of our competitors;
- •our ability to evolve our products in response to our competitors' offerings, user requirements, social trends and the technological landscape;
- •our ability to efficiently acquire new users for our products;
- •our ability to continue to optimize our monetization strategies; and
- •the design and functionality of our products.

A large portion of users in our category use multiple dating products over a given period of time, either concurrently or sequentially, making our broad portfolio of brands a competitive advantage.

#### **Intellectual property**

We regard our intellectual property rights, including trademarks, domain names and other intellectual property, as critical to our success.

For example, we rely heavily upon the use of trademarks (primarily Match, Tinder, Meetic, OkCupid and OurTime, and associated domain names, taglines and logos) to market our dating products and applications and build and maintain brand loyalty and recognition. We have an ongoing trademark and service mark registration program, pursuant to which we register our brand names and product names, taglines and logos and renew existing trademark and service mark registrations in the United States and other jurisdictions to the extent we determine it to be necessary or otherwise appropriate and cost-effective. In addition, we have a trademark and service mark monitoring policy pursuant to which we monitor applications filed by third parties to register trademarks and service marks that may be confusingly similar to ours, as well as potential unauthorized use of our material trademarks and service marks. Our enforcement of this policy affords us valuable protection under current laws, rules and regulations. We also reserve and file registrations (to the extent available) and renew existing registrations for domain names that we believe are material to our business.

We also rely upon a combination of in-licensed third-party and proprietary trade secrets, including proprietary algorithms, and to a lesser extent, upon patented and patent-pending technologies, processes and features relating to our matching process systems or related features, products and services with expiration dates from 2025 to 2038. We have an ongoing invention recognition program pursuant to which we apply for patents to the extent we determine it to be necessary or otherwise appropriate and cost-effective.

We rely on a combination of internal and external controls, including applicable laws, rules and regulations and contractual restrictions with employees, contractors, customers, suppliers, affiliates and others, to establish, protect and otherwise control access to our various intellectual property rights.

#### **Government regulation**

We are subject to foreign and domestic laws and regulations that affect companies conducting business on the internet generally, including laws relating to the liability of providers of online services for their operations and the activities of their users. As a result, we could be subject to actions based on negligence, various torts and trademark and copyright infringement, among other actions. See "Risk factors—Risks relating to our business—Inappropriate actions by certain of our users could be attributed to us and damage our brands' reputation, which in turn could adversely affect our business" and "—Risks relating to our business—We may fail to adequately protect our intellectual property rights or may be accused of infringing the intellectual property rights of third parties."

Because we receive, store and use a substantial amount of information received from or generated by our users, we are also impacted by laws and regulations governing privacy, the storage, sharing, use, processing, disclosure and protection of personal data and data breaches, primarily in the case of our operations in the European Union and our handling of personal data of users located in the European Union. As a result, we could be subject to various private and governmental claims and actions. See "Risk factors—Risks relating to our business—Unauthorized access of personal data could give rise to liabilities as a result of governmental regulation, conflicting legal requirements or differing views of personal privacy rights and compliance with laws designed to prevent unauthorized access of personal data could be costly."

As the provider of dating products with a membership-based element, we are also subject to laws and regulations in certain U.S. states and other countries that apply to our automatically-renewing membership payment models. Finally, certain U.S. states and certain countries in Asia have laws that specifically govern dating services.

# Financial information about segments and geographic areas

The segment and geographic information required herein is set forth in "Item 7—Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Item 8—Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."

#### **Employees**

As of December 31, 2016, we had approximately 1,800 full-time employees and approximately 3,300 part-time employees worldwide. Substantially all of our part-time employees are employed by our Non-dating businesses and perform academic tutoring, test preparation and college counseling services.

# **Additional Information**

Corporate information. We were incorporated in the State of Delaware on February 12, 2009 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of IAC/InterActiveCorp ("IAC").

Company website and public filings. The Company maintains a website at www.mtch.com. Neither the information on the Company's website, nor the information on the website of any Match Group business, is incorporated by reference into this annual report, or into any other filings with, or into any other information furnished or submitted to, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

The Company makes available, free of charge through its website, its Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K (including related amendments) as soon as reasonably practicable after they have been electronically filed with (or furnished to) the SEC.

Code of ethics. The Company's code of ethics applies to all employees (including Match Group's principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer) and directors and is posted on the Company's website at <a href="http://ir.mtch.com">http://ir.mtch.com</a> under the heading of "Corporate Governance." This code of ethics complies with Item 406 of SEC

Regulation S-K and the rules of The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC. Any changes to the code of ethics that affect the provisions required by Item 406 of Regulation S-K, and any waivers of such provisions of the code of ethics for Match Group's executive officers, senior financial officers or directors, will also be disclosed on Match Group's website.

#### Relationship with IAC

Equity ownership and vote. Match Group has outstanding shares of common stock, with one vote per share, and shares of Class B common stock, with ten votes per shares and which are convertible into common stock on a share for share basis. As of January 27, 2017, IAC owned 209,919,402 shares of Class B common stock representing 100% of our outstanding Class B common stock and 940,668 shares of common stock. These holdings collectively represent approximately 82.4% of our outstanding shares of capital stock and approximately 97.9% of the combined voting power of our outstanding capital stock.

*Intercompany agreements*. In connection with the initial public offering of our common stock in November 2015, we entered into certain agreements relating to our relationship with IAC after the offering. These agreements include, among others, the five agreements described below.

Master transaction agreement. The master transaction agreement sets forth the agreements between us and IAC regarding the principal transactions necessary to separate our business from IAC, as well as governs certain aspects of our relationship with IAC after the completion of the offering.

Investor rights agreement. Under the investor rights agreement, we are obligated to provide IAC with certain registration and other rights relating to the shares of our common stock it holds and anti-dilution rights.

Tax sharing agreement. The tax sharing agreement governs our and IAC's rights, responsibilities, and obligations with respect to tax liabilities and benefits, entitlements to refunds, the preparation of tax returns, tax contests and other tax matters regarding U.S. federal, state, local and foreign income taxes.

Services agreement. The services agreement currently governs services that IAC has agreed to provide through November 24, 2017, with automatic renewal for successive one-year terms, subject to IAC's continued ownership of a majority of the combined voting power of our voting stock and any subsequent extension or truncation agreed to by us and IAC.

Employee matters agreement. The employee matters agreement, as amended, covers a wide range of compensation and benefit issues related to the allocation of liabilities associated with: (i) employment or termination of employment, (ii) employee benefit plans and (iii) equity awards. In the event IAC no longer retains shares representing at least 80% of the aggregate voting power of shares entitled to vote in the election of our board of directors, we will no longer participate in IAC's employee benefit plans, but will establish our own employee benefit plans that will be substantially similar to the plans sponsored by IAC.

Subordinated loan credit facility. The subordinated loan facility with IAC (the "IAC Subordinated Loan Facility") allows the Company to make one or more requests to IAC to borrow funds from it. If IAC agrees to fulfill any such borrowing request from the Company, such indebtedness will be incurred in accordance with the terms of the IAC Subordinated Loan Facility. At December 31, 2016, the Company had no indebtedness outstanding under the IAC Subordinated Loan Facility.

For additional information regarding these agreements, see "Note 17—Related Party Transactions" to the consolidated and combined financial statements included in "Item 8—Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements."

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

#### **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information**

This annual report on Form 10-K contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The use of words such as "anticipates," "estimates," "expects," "plans" and "believes," among others, generally identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include, among others, statements relating to: Match Group's future financial performance, Match Group's business prospects and strategy, anticipated trends and prospects in the industries in which Match Group's businesses operate and other similar matters. These forward-looking statements are based on Match Group management's expectations and assumptions about future events as of the date of this annual report, which are inherently subject to uncertainties, risks and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict.

Actual results could differ materially from those contained in these forward-looking statements for a variety of reasons, including, among others, the risk factors set forth below. Other unknown or unpredictable factors that could also adversely affect Match Group's business, financial condition and results of operations may arise from time to time. In light of these risks and uncertainties, the forward-looking statements discussed in this annual report may not prove to be accurate. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which only reflect the views of Match Group's management as of the date of this annual report. Match Group does not undertake to update these forward-looking statements.

#### Risks relating to our business

#### The limited operating history of our newer dating brands and products makes it difficult to evaluate our current business and future prospects.

We seek to tailor each of our dating brands and products to meet the preferences of specific communities of users. Building a given brand or product is generally an iterative process that occurs over a meaningful period of time and involves considerable resources and expenditures. Although certain of our newer brands and products have experienced significant growth over relatively short periods of time, you cannot necessarily rely on the historical growth rates of these brands and products as an indication of future growth rates for our newer brands and products generally. We have encountered, and may continue to encounter, risks and difficulties as we build our newer brands and products. The failure to successfully address these risks and difficulties could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# The dating industry is competitive, with low switching costs and a consistent stream of new products and entrants, and innovation by our competitors may disrupt our business.

The dating industry is competitive, with a consistent stream of new products and entrants. Some of our competitors may enjoy better competitive positions in certain geographical regions or user demographics that we currently serve or may serve in the future. These advantages could enable these competitors to offer products that are more appealing to users and potential users than our products or to respond more quickly and/or cost-effectively than us to new or changing opportunities.

In addition, within the dating industry generally, costs for consumers to switch between products are low, and consumers have a propensity to try new approaches to connecting with people. As a result, new products, entrants and business models are likely to continue to emerge. It is possible that a new product could gain rapid scale at the expense of existing brands through harnessing a new technology or distribution channel, creating a new approach to connecting people or some other means. If we are not able to compete effectively against our current or future competitors and products that may emerge, the size and level of engagement of our user base may decrease, which could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Each of our dating products monetizes users at different rates. If a meaningful migration of our user base from our higher monetizing dating products to our lower monetizing dating products were to occur, it could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We own, operate and manage a large and diverse portfolio of dating products. Each dating product has its own mix of free and paid features designed to optimize the user experience and revenue generation from that product's community of users. In general, the mix of features for the various dating products within our more established brands leads to higher monetization

rates per user than the mix of features for the various dating products within our newer brands. If a significant portion of our user base were to migrate to our less profitable brands, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected. See "Item 7—Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations—Management overview—Trends affecting our Dating business."

Our growth and profitability rely, in part, on our ability to attract and retain users through cost-effective marketing efforts. Any failure in these efforts could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Attracting and retaining users for our dating products involve considerable expenditures for online and offline marketing. Historically, we have had to increase our marketing expenditures over time in order to attract and retain users and sustain our growth.

Evolving consumer behavior can affect the availability of profitable marketing opportunities. For example, as traditional television viewership declines and as consumers spend more time on mobile devices rather than desktop computers, the reach of many of our traditional advertising channels is contracting. Similarly, as consumers communicate less via email and more via text messaging and other virtual means, the reach of email campaigns designed to attract new and repeat users (and retain current users) for our dating products is adversely impacted. To continue to reach potential users and grow our businesses, we must identify and devote more of our overall marketing expenditures to newer advertising channels, such as mobile and online video platforms, as well as targeted campaigns in which we communicate directly with potential, former and current users via new virtual means. Generally, the opportunities in and sophistication of newer advertising channels are relatively undeveloped and unproven, and there can be no assurance that we will be able to continue to appropriately manage and fine-tune our marketing efforts in response to these and other trends in the advertising industry. Any failure to do so could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Communicating with our users via email is critical to our success, and any erosion in our ability to communicate in this fashion that is not sufficiently replaced by other means could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

One of our primary means of communicating with our users and keeping them engaged with our products is via email. Our ability to communicate via email enables us to keep our users updated on activity with respect to their profile, present or suggest new or interesting users from the community, invite users to offline events and present discount and free trial offers, among other things. As consumer habits evolve in the era of smart phones and messaging/social networking apps, usage of email, particularly among our younger users, has declined. In addition, deliverability and other restrictions imposed by third party email providers and/or applicable law could limit or prevent our ability to send emails to our users. A continued and significant erosion in our ability to communicate successfully with our users via email could have an adverse impact on user experience, levels of user engagement and the rate at which non-paying users become paid members.

While we continually work to find new means of communicating and connecting with our members (for example, through push notifications), there is no assurance that such alternative means of communication will be as effective as email has been. Any failure to develop or take advantage of new means of communication could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# Foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations could adversely affect our results of operations.

We operate in various international markets, primarily in various jurisdictions within the European Union, and as result are exposed to foreign exchange risk for both the Euro and British Pound ("GBP"). During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, 37% and 32% of our total revenues, respectively, were international revenues. We translate international revenues into U.S. dollar-denominated operating results and during periods of a strengthening U.S. dollar, our international revenues will be reduced when translated into U.S. dollars. In addition, as foreign currency exchange rates fluctuate, the translation of our international revenues into U.S. dollar-denominated operating results affects the period-over-period comparability of such results.

Our primary exposure to foreign currency exchange risk relates to investments in foreign subsidiaries that transact business in a functional currency other than the U.S. Dollar, primarily the Euro. Since the average Euro versus the U.S. dollar exchange rate in 2016 was essentially flat compared to 2015, the translation of our international results into U.S. dollars did not significantly reduce our revenue nor did it have a significant effect on the period-over-period comparability of our U.S dollar-

denominated operating results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 versus December 31, 2015. To the extent that the U.S. dollar continues to strengthen relative to the Euro, the translation of our international revenues into U.S. dollars will reduce our U.S. dollar-denominated operating results and will affect their period-over-period comparability.

Fluctuating foreign exchange rates can also result in foreign currency exchange gains and losses. While foreign currency exchange gains and losses historically have not been material to the Company, the significant decline in the GBP due to the Brexit vote on June 23, 2016 generated significant foreign currency exchange gains during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. See "Item 7A—Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk—Foreign Currency Exchange Risk."

Historically, we have not hedged any foreign currency exposures. The continued growth and expansion of our international operations into new countries increases our exposure to foreign exchange rate fluctuations. Significant foreign exchange rate fluctuations, in the case of one currency or collectively with other currencies, could adversely affect our future results of operations.

Distribution and use of our dating products depends, in significant part, on a variety of third party publishers, platforms and mobile app stores. If these third parties limit, prohibit or otherwise interfere with the distribution or use of our dating products in any material way, it could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We market and distribute our dating products (including related mobile applications) through a variety of third party publishers and distribution channels. Our ability to market our brands on any given property or channel is subject to the policies of the relevant third party. Certain publishers and channels have, from time to time, limited or prohibited advertisements for dating products for a variety of reasons, including as a result of poor behavior by other industry participants. There is no assurance that we will not be limited or prohibited from using certain current or prospective marketing channels in the future. If this were to happen in the case of a significant marketing channel and/or for a significant period of time, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

Additionally, our mobile applications are increasingly accessed through the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. Both Apple and Google have broad discretion to change their respective terms and conditions applicable to the distribution of our applications, and to interpret their respective terms and conditions in ways that may limit, eliminate or otherwise interfere with our ability to distribute our applications through their stores. There is no assurance that Apple or Google will not limit or eliminate or otherwise interfere with the distribution of our applications. If either or both of them did so, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

Lastly, in the case of Tinder, users currently register for (and log in to) the application exclusively through their Facebook profiles. While we are currently in the process of developing an alternate authentication method that would allow users to register for (and log into) Tinder using their mobile phone number, no assurances can be provided that users will use this method versus registering for (and logging into) Tinder through their Facebook profiles. Facebook has broad discretion to change its terms and conditions applicable to the use of its platform and to interpret its terms and conditions in ways that could limit, eliminate or otherwise interfere with our ability to use Facebook as an authentication method and if Facebook did so and no alternate method is available (or the alternate method that we ultimately develop is not adopted by users), our business, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

As the distribution of our dating products through app stores increases, in order to maintain our profit margins, we may need to offset increasing app store fees by decreasing traditional marketing expenditures, increasing user volume or monetization per user or by engaging in other efforts to increase revenue or decrease costs generally, or our business, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

As our user base continues to shift to mobile solutions, we increasingly rely on the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store to distribute our mobile applications and related in-app products. While our mobile applications are generally free to download from these stores, we offer our users the opportunity to purchase paid memberships and certain à la carte features through these applications. We determine the prices at which these memberships and features are sold and, in exchange for facilitating the purchase of these memberships and features through these applications to users who download our applications from these stores, we pay Apple and Google, as applicable, a share (generally 30%) of the revenue we receive from these transactions. As the distribution of our dating products through app stores increases, we may need to offset these increased app store fees by decreasing traditional marketing expenditures as a percentage of revenue, increasing user volume or monetization

per user, or by engaging in other efforts to increase revenue or decrease costs generally, or our business, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

#### We depend on our key personnel.

Our future success will depend upon our continued ability to identify, hire, develop, motivate and retain highly skilled individuals, with the continued contributions of our senior management being especially critical to our success. Competition for well-qualified employees across Match Group and its various businesses is intense and our continued ability to compete effectively depends, in part, upon our ability to attract new employees. While we have established programs to attract new employees and provide incentives to retain existing employees, particularly our senior management, we cannot assure you that we will be able to attract new employees or retain the services of our senior management or any other key employees in the future. Effective succession planning is also important to our future success. If we fail to ensure the effective transfer of senior management knowledge and smooth transitions involving senior management across our various businesses, our ability to execute short and long term strategic, financial and operating goals, as well as our business, financial condition and results of operations generally, could be adversely affected.

# Our success depends, in part, on the integrity of our systems and infrastructures and on our ability to enhance, expand and adapt these systems and infrastructures in a timely and cost-effective manner.

In order for us to succeed, our systems and infrastructures must perform well on a consistent basis. From time to time, we may experience system interruptions that make some or all of our systems or data unavailable and prevent our products from functioning properly for our users; any such interruption could arise for any number of reasons. Further, our systems and infrastructures are vulnerable to damage from fire, power loss, telecommunications failures and similar events. While we have backup systems in place for certain aspects of our operations, our systems and infrastructures are not fully redundant, disaster recovery planning is not sufficient for all eventualities and our property and business interruption insurance coverage may not be adequate to compensate us fully for any losses that we may suffer. Any interruptions or outages, regardless of the cause, could negatively impact our users' experiences with our products, tarnish our brands' reputation and decrease demand for our products, any or all of which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We also continually work to expand and enhance the efficiency and scalability of our technology and network systems to improve the experience of our users, accommodate substantial increases in the volume of traffic to our various dating products, ensure acceptable page load times for our dating products and keep up with changes in technology and user preferences. Any failure to do so in a timely and cost-effective manner could adversely affect our users' experience with our various products and thereby negatively impact the demand for our products, and could increase our costs, either of which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# We may not be able to protect our systems and infrastructures from cyberattacks and may be adversely affected by cyberattacks experienced by third parties.

We are regularly under attack by perpetrators of random or targeted malicious technology-related events, such as cyberattacks, computer viruses, worms, bot attacks or other destructive or disruptive software, distributed denial of service attacks and attempts to misappropriate customer information, including credit card information. While we have invested (and continue to invest) heavily in the protection of our systems and infrastructures and in related training, there can be no assurance that our efforts will prevent significant breaches in our systems or other such events from occurring. Any cyber or similar attack we are unable to protect ourselves against could damage our systems and infrastructure, prevent us from providing our products, erode our reputation and brands, result in the disclosure of confidential information of our users and/or be costly to remedy, as well as subject us to investigations by regulatory authorities and/or litigation that could result in liability to third parties.

The impact of cyber security events experienced by third parties with whom we do business (or upon whom we otherwise rely in connection with our day-to-day operations) could have a similar effect on us. Moreover, even cyber or similar attacks that do not directly affect us or third parties with whom we do business may result in a loss of consumer confidence generally, which could make users less likely to use or continue to use our products. The occurrence of any of these events could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# Our success depends, in part, on the integrity of third party systems and infrastructures.

We rely on third parties, primarily data center service providers, as well as third party computer systems, broadband and other communications systems and service providers, in connection with the provision of our products generally, as well as to facilitate and process certain transactions with our users. We have no control over any of these third parties or their operations.

Problems experienced by third party data center service providers upon whom we rely, the telecommunications network providers with whom they contract or with the systems through which telecommunications providers allocate capacity among their customers could also adversely affect us. Any changes in service levels at our data centers or any interruptions, outages or delays in our systems or those of our third party providers, or deterioration in the performance of these systems, could impair our ability to provide our products or process transactions with our users, which would adversely impact our business, financial condition and results of operations.

If the security of personal and confidential user information that we maintain and store is breached or otherwise accessed by unauthorized persons, it may be costly to mitigate the impact of such an event and our reputation could be harmed.

We receive, process, store and transmit a significant amount of personal user and other confidential information, including credit card information, and enable our users to share their personal information with each other. In some cases, we retain third party vendors to store this information. We continuously develop and maintain systems to protect the security, integrity and confidentiality of this information, but cannot guarantee that inadvertent or unauthorized use or disclosure will not occur or that third parties will not gain unauthorized access to this information despite our efforts. If any such event were to occur, we may not be able to remedy the event, and we may have to expend significant capital and resources to mitigate the impact of such an event, and to develop and implement protections to prevent future events of this nature from occurring. If a breach of our security (or the security of our vendors and partners) occurs, the perception of the effectiveness of our security measures and our reputation may be harmed, we could lose current and potential users and the recognition of our various brands and their competitive positions could be diminished, any or all of which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Unauthorized access of personal data could give rise to liabilities as a result of governmental regulation, conflicting legal requirements or differing views of personal privacy rights and compliance with laws designed to prevent unauthorized access of personal data could be costly.

Security breaches or other unauthorized access to, or the use or transmission of, personal user information could result in a variety of claims against us, including privacy-related claims. There are numerous laws in the countries in which we operate regarding privacy and the storage, sharing, use, processing, disclosure and protection of this kind of information, the scope of which are changing, inconsistent and conflicting and subject to differing interpretations, and new laws of this nature are adopted from time to time. For example, in 2016 the European Commission adopted the General Data Protection Act, a comprehensive European Union privacy and data protection reform that becomes effective in May 2018. In addition, the potential exit from the European Union by the United Kingdom could result in the application of new and conflicting data privacy and protection laws and standards to our operations in the United Kingdom and our handling of personal data of users located in the United Kingdom. At the same time, certain developing countries in which we do business are also currently considering adopting privacy and data protection laws and regulations and legislative proposals concerning privacy and the protection of user information are often pending before the U.S. Congress and various U.S. state legislatures.

While we believe that we comply with industry standards and applicable laws and industry codes of conduct relating to privacy and data protection in all material respects, there is no assurance that we will not be subject to claims that we have violated applicable laws or codes of conduct, that we will be able to successfully defend against such claims or that we will not be subject to significant fines and penalties in the event of non-compliance.

Any failure or perceived failure by us (or the third parties with whom we have contracted to store such information) to comply with applicable privacy and security laws, policies or related contractual obligations or any compromise of security that results in unauthorized access to personal information may result in governmental enforcement actions, significant fines, litigation, claims of breach of contract and indemnity by third parties and adverse publicity. In the case of such an event, our reputation may be harmed, we could lose current and potential users and the competitive positions of our various brands could be diminished, any or all of which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Lastly, compliance with the numerous laws in the countries in which we operate regarding privacy and the storage, sharing, use, processing, disclosure and protection of personal data could be costly, particularly as these laws become more comprehensive in scope, more commonplace and continue to evolve. If these costs are significant, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

We are subject to a number of risks related to credit card payments, including data security breaches and fraud that we or third parties experience or additional regulation, any of which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We accept payment from our users primarily through credit card transactions and certain online payment service providers. The ability to access credit card information on a real-time basis without having to proactively reach out to the consumer each time we process an auto-renewal payment or a payment for the purchase of a premium feature on any of our dating products is critical to our success.

When we or a third party experiences a data security breach involving credit card information, affected cardholders will often cancel their credit cards. In the case of a breach experienced by a third party, the more sizable the third party's customer base and the greater the number of credit card accounts impacted, the more likely it is that our users would be impacted by such a breach. To the extent our users are ever affected by such a breach experienced by us or a third party, affected users would need to be contacted to obtain new credit card information and process any pending transactions. It is likely that we would not be able to reach all affected users, and even if we could, some users' new credit card information may not be obtained and some pending transactions may not be processed, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Even if our users are not directly impacted by a given data security breach, they may lose confidence in the ability of service providers to protect their personal information generally, which could cause them to stop using their credit cards online and choose alternative payment methods that are not as convenient for us or restrict our ability to process payments without significant user effort.

Additionally, if we fail to adequately prevent fraudulent credit card transactions, we may face litigation, fines, governmental enforcement action, civil liability, diminished public perception of our security measures, significantly higher credit card-related costs and substantial remediation costs, any of which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Finally, the passage or adoption of any legislation or regulation affecting the ability of service providers to periodically charge consumers for recurring membership payments may adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Inappropriate actions by certain of our users could be attributed to us and damage our brands' reputation, which in turn could adversely affect our business.

The reputation of our brands may be adversely affected by the actions of our users that are deemed to be hostile, offensive, defamatory, inappropriate or unlawful. While we monitor and review the appropriateness of the content accessible through our dating products and have adopted policies regarding illegal, offensive or inappropriate use of our dating products, our users could nonetheless engage in activities that violate our policies. These safeguards may not be sufficient to avoid harm to our reputation and brands, especially if such hostile, offensive or inappropriate use is well-publicized.

In addition, it is possible that a user of our products could be physically, financially, emotionally or otherwise harmed by an individual that such user met through the use of one of our products. If one or more of our users suffers or alleges to have suffered any such harm, we could experience negative publicity or legal action that could damage our reputation and our brands. Similar events affecting users of our competitors' dating products could result in negative publicity for the dating industry generally, which could in turn negatively affect our business. Concerns about such harms and the use of dating products and social networking platforms for illegal conduct, such as romance scams and financial fraud, could produce future legislation or other governmental action that could require changes to our dating products, restrict or impose additional costs upon the conduct of our business generally, subject us to liability for user conduct or cause users to abandon our dating products.

## We may fail to adequately protect our intellectual property rights or may be accused of infringing the intellectual property rights of third parties.

We rely heavily upon our trademarks and related domain names and logos to market our brands and to build and maintain brand loyalty and recognition, as well as upon trade secrets. We also rely, to a lesser extent, upon patented and patent-pending proprietary technologies relating to matching process systems and related features and products.

We also rely on a combination of laws, and contractual restrictions with employees, customers, suppliers, affiliates and others, to establish and protect our various intellectual property rights. For example, we have generally registered and continue to apply to register and renew, or secure by contract where appropriate, trademarks and service marks as they are developed and used, and reserve, register and renew domain names as we deem appropriate. Effective trademark protection may not be available or may not be sought in every country in which our products are made available and contractual disputes may affect the use of marks governed by private contract. Similarly, not every variation of a domain name may be available or be registered, even if available.

We also generally seek to apply for patents or for other similar statutory protections as and if we deem appropriate, based on then-current facts and circumstances, and will continue to do so in the future. No assurances can be given that any patent application we have filed or will file will result in a patent being issued, or that any existing or future patents will afford adequate protection against competitors and similar technologies. In addition, no assurances can be given that third parties will not create new products or methods that achieve similar results without infringing upon patents we own.

Despite these measures, our intellectual property rights may still not be protected in a meaningful manner, challenges to contractual rights could arise or third parties could copy or otherwise obtain and use our intellectual property without authorization. The occurrence of any of these events could result in the erosion of our brands and limit our ability to market our brands using our various domain names, as well as impede our ability to effectively compete against competitors with similar technologies, any of which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

From time to time, we have been subject to legal proceedings and claims, including claims of alleged infringement of trademarks, copyrights, patents and other intellectual property rights held by third parties. In addition, litigation may be necessary in the future to enforce our intellectual property rights, protect our trade secrets or to determine the validity and scope of proprietary rights claimed by others. Any litigation of this nature, regardless of outcome or merit, could result in substantial costs and diversion of management and technical resources, any of which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We operate in various international markets, including certain markets in which we have limited experience. As a result, we face additional risks in connection with certain of our international operations.

Our brands are available in over 190 countries. Our international revenue represented 37% and 32% of our total revenue for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Operating internationally, particularly in countries in which we have limited experience, exposes us to a number of additional risks, including:

- operational and compliance challenges caused by distance, language and cultural differences;
- · difficulties in staffing and managing international operations;
- differing levels of social and technological acceptance of our dating products or lack of acceptance of them generally;
- foreign currency fluctuations;
- restrictions on the transfer of funds among countries and back to the United States and costs associated with repatriating funds to the United States;
- · differing and potentially adverse tax laws;
- multiple, conflicting and changing laws, rules and regulations, and difficulties understanding and ensuring compliance with those laws by both our employees and our business partners, over whom we exert no control;

- compliance challenges due to different laws and regulatory environments, particularly in the case of privacy and data security;
- competitive environments that favor local businesses;
- limitations on the level of intellectual property protection; and
- trade sanctions, political unrest, terrorism, war and epidemics or the threat of any of these events.

The occurrence of any or all of the events described above could adversely affect our international operations, which could in turn adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### We may experience operational and financial risks in connection with acquisitions.

We have made numerous acquisitions in the past and we continue to seek potential acquisition candidates. We may experience operational and financial risks in connection with historical and future acquisitions if we are unable to:

- properly value prospective acquisitions, especially those with limited operating histories;
- successfully integrate the operations, as well as the accounting, financial controls, management information, technology, human resources and other administrative systems, of acquired businesses with our existing operations and systems;
- successfully identify and realize potential synergies among acquired and existing businesses;
- · retain or hire senior management and other key personnel at acquired businesses; and
- · successfully manage acquisition-related strain on our management, operations and financial resources and those of the various brands in our portfolio.

Furthermore, we may not be successful in addressing other challenges encountered in connection with our acquisitions. The anticipated benefits of one or more of our acquisitions may not be realized or the value of goodwill and other intangible assets acquired could be impacted by one or more continuing unfavorable events or trends, which could result in significant impairment charges. The occurrence of any these events could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

### We will continue to incur some increased costs and devote substantial management time as a result of operating as a relatively new public company.

The obligations of being a relatively new public company will continue to require new expenditures, place new demands on our management and require the hiring of additional personnel. While IAC continues to provide us with certain corporate and shared services related to corporate functions for negotiated fees, we also expect that we will need to continue to implement additional systems and hire additional personnel, primarily related to public reporting obligations, to adequately function as a mature public company. We cannot precisely predict the amount and timing of these significant expenditures. See "—Risks related to our ongoing relationship with IAC—The services that IAC provides to us may not be sufficient to meet our needs, and we may have difficulty finding replacement services or be required to pay increased costs to replace these services if we no longer receive these services from IAC."

# We are subject to litigation and adverse outcomes in such litigation could have an adverse effect on our financial condition.

We are, and from time to time may become, subject to litigation and various legal proceedings, including litigation and proceedings related to intellectual property matters, privacy and consumer protection laws, as well as stockholder derivative suits, class action lawsuits and other matters, that involve claims for substantial amounts of money or for other relief or that might necessitate changes to our business or operations. For example, as discussed in "Item 3—Legal Proceedings," in early 2016 we were named, among other defendants, in purported class action lawsuits on behalf of purchasers of shares of our common stock in our initial public offering and thereafter. The defense of these actions may be both time consuming and expensive. We evaluate these litigation claims and legal proceedings to assess the likelihood of unfavorable outcomes and to estimate, if possible, the amount of potential losses. Based on these assessments and estimates, we may establish reserves and/or disclose the relevant litigation claims or legal proceedings, as and when required or appropriate. These assessments and estimates are based on information available to management at the time of such assessment or estimation and involve a

significant amount of judgment. As a result, actual outcomes or losses could differ materially from those envisioned by our current assessments and estimates. Our failure to successfully defend or settle any of these litigations or legal proceedings could result in liability that, to the extent not covered by our insurance, could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### Risks related to our ongoing relationship with IAC

#### IAC controls our company and will have the ability to control the direction of our business.

As of the January 27, 2017, IAC owned all of the shares of our outstanding Class B common stock and 940,668 shares of our common stock, collectively representing approximately 82.4% of our outstanding shares of capital stock and approximately 97.9% of the combined voting power of our outstanding capital stock. As long as IAC owns shares of our capital stock representing a majority of the combined voting power of our outstanding capital stock, it will be able to control any corporate action that requires a stockholder vote, regardless of the vote of any other stockholder. As a result, IAC will have the ability to control significant corporate activities, including:

- the election of our board of directors and, through our board of directors, decision-making with respect to our business direction and policies, including
  the appointment and removal of our officers;
- acquisitions or dispositions of businesses or assets, mergers or other business combinations;
- issuances of shares of our common stock, Class B common stock, Class C common stock and our capital structure;
- corporate opportunities that may be suitable for us and IAC, subject to the corporate opportunity provisions in our certificate of incorporation, as
  described below;
- our financing activities, including the issuance of additional debt and equity securities, or the incurrence of other indebtedness generally;
- the payment of dividends; and
- the number of shares available for issuance under our equity incentive plans for our prospective and existing employees.

This voting control will limit the ability of other stockholders to influence corporate matters and, as a result, we may take actions that stockholders other than IAC do not view as beneficial. This voting control may also discourage transactions involving a change of control of our company, including transactions in which you as a holder of our common stock might otherwise receive a premium for your shares. Furthermore, IAC generally has the right at any time to sell or otherwise dispose of the shares of our capital stock that it owns, including the ability to transfer a controlling interest in us to a third party, without the approval of the holders of our common stock and without providing for the purchase of shares of common stock.

Even if IAC owns shares of our capital stock representing less than a majority of the combined voting power of our outstanding capital stock, so long as IAC retains shares representing a significant percentage of our combined voting power, IAC will have the ability to substantially influence these significant corporate activities.

In addition, pursuant to an investor rights agreement between us and IAC, IAC has the right to maintain its level of ownership in us to the extent we issue additional shares of our capital stock in the future and, pursuant to an employee matters agreement between us and IAC, IAC may receive payment for certain compensation expenses through the receipt of additional shares of our capital stock. For a more complete summary of our agreements with IAC, see "Note 17—Related Party Transactions" to the consolidated and combined financial statements included in "Item 8—Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements."

Until such time as IAC no longer controls or has the ability to substantially influence us, we will continue to face the risks described in this "Risk factors" section relating to IAC's control of us and the potential conflicts of interest between IAC and us.

## Our certificate of incorporation could prevent us from benefiting from corporate opportunities that might otherwise have been available to us.

Our certificate of incorporation has a "corporate opportunity" provision in which we renounce any interests or expectancy in corporate opportunities which become known to: (i) any of our directors or officers who are also officers, directors, employees or other affiliates of IAC or its affiliates (except that we and our subsidiaries shall not be deemed affiliates of IAC or its affiliates for the purposes of the provision) or (ii) IAC itself, and which relate to the business of IAC or may constitute a corporate opportunity for both IAC and us. Generally, neither IAC nor our officers or directors who are also officers or directors of IAC or its affiliates will be liable to us or our stockholders for breach of any fiduciary duty by reason of the fact that any such person pursues or acquires any corporate opportunity for the account of IAC or its affiliates, directs or transfers such corporate opportunity to IAC or its affiliates, or does not communicate information regarding such corporate opportunity to us. The corporate opportunity provision may exacerbate conflicts of interest between IAC and us because the provision effectively permits any of our directors or officers who also serves as an officer or director of IAC to choose to direct a corporate opportunity to IAC instead of to us.

# IAC's interests may conflict with our interests and the interests of our stockholders. Conflicts of interest between IAC and us could be resolved in a manner unfavorable to us and our public stockholders.

Various conflicts of interest between us and IAC could arise. As of the date of this report, five of our eleven directors are current members of the board of directors or executive officers of IAC. Ownership interests of directors or officers of IAC in our stock and ownership interests of our directors and officers in the stock of IAC, or a person's service as either a director or officer of both companies, could create or appear to create potential conflicts of interest when those directors and officers are faced with decisions relating to our company. These decisions could include:

- corporate opportunities;
- the impact that operating decisions for our business may have on IAC's consolidated financial statements;
- the impact that operating or capital decisions (including the incurrence of indebtedness) for our business may have on IAC's current or future indebtedness or the covenants under that indebtedness;
- business combinations involving us;
- our dividend policy;
- · management stock ownership; and
- the intercompany services and agreements between IAC and us.

Potential conflicts of interest could also arise if we decide to enter into any new commercial arrangements with IAC in the future or in connection with IAC's desire to enter into new commercial arrangements with third parties.

Furthermore, disputes may arise between IAC and us relating to our past and ongoing relationships, and these potential conflicts of interest may make it more difficult for us to favorably resolve such disputes, including those related to:

- · tax, employee benefit, indemnification and other matters arising from this offering;
- the nature, quality and pricing of services IAC agrees to provide to us;
- sales or other disposal by IAC of all or a portion of its ownership interest in us; and
- business combinations involving us.

We may not be able to resolve any potential conflicts with IAC, and even if we do, the resolution may be less favorable to us than if we were dealing with an unaffiliated party. While we are controlled by IAC, we may not have the leverage to negotiate amendments to these agreements, if required, on terms as favorable to us as those we would negotiate with an unaffiliated third party.

We are a "controlled company" as defined in the NASDAQ rules, and rely on exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements that provide protection to stockholders of other companies.

As a result of IAC owning more than 50% of the combined voting power of our share capital, we are a "controlled company" under the Marketplace Rules of the NASDAQ Stock Market, or the Marketplace Rules. As a "controlled company," we are exempt from the obligation to comply with certain Marketplace Rules related to corporate governance, including the following requirements:

- · that a majority of our board of directors consists of "independent directors," as defined under the Marketplace Rules; and
- that we have a nominating/governance committee that is composed entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities.

Accordingly, for so long as we are a "controlled company," our stockholders will not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the corporate governance requirements of the Marketplace Rules.

In order to preserve the ability of IAC to distribute its shares of our capital stock on a tax-free basis, we may be prevented from pursuing opportunities to raise capital, to effectuate acquisitions or to provide equity incentives to our employees, which could hurt our ability to grow.

Under current laws, IAC must retain beneficial ownership of at least 80% of our combined voting power and 80% of each class of our nonvoting capital stock (if any is outstanding) in order to effect a tax-free distribution of our shares held by IAC to its stockholders. As of the date of this annual report, IAC has advised us that it does not have any present intention or plans to undertake such a tax-free distribution. However, IAC does currently intend to use its majority voting interest to retain its ability to engage in such a transaction. This intention may cause IAC to not support transactions we wish to pursue that involve issuing shares of our common stock, including for capital raising purposes, as consideration for an acquisition or as equity incentives to our employees. The inability to pursue such transactions, if it occurs, may adversely affect our company. See "—IAC controls our company and will have the ability to control the direction of our business" and "—IAC's interests may conflict with our interests and the interests of our stockholders." Conflicts of interest between IAC and us could be resolved in a manner unfavorable to us and our public stockholders.

Our agreements with IAC will require us to indemnify IAC for certain tax liabilities and may limit our ability to engage in desirable strategic or capital raising transactions, including following any distribution by IAC of our capital stock to its stockholders.

Under a tax sharing agreement between us and IAC, we generally will be responsible and will be required to indemnify IAC for: (i) all taxes imposed with respect to any consolidated, combined or unitary tax return of IAC or one of its subsidiaries that includes us or any of our subsidiaries to the extent attributable to us or any of our subsidiaries, as determined under the tax sharing agreement, and (ii) all taxes imposed with respect to any consolidated, combined, unitary or separate tax returns of us or any of our subsidiaries. To the extent IAC failed to pay taxes imposed with respect to any consolidated, combined or unitary tax return of IAC or one of its subsidiaries that includes us or any of our subsidiaries, the relevant taxing authority could seek to collect such taxes (including taxes for which IAC is responsible under the tax sharing agreement) from us or our subsidiaries.

Under the tax sharing agreement, we generally will be responsible for any taxes and related amounts imposed on IAC or us that arise from the failure of a future spin-off of IAC's interest in us to qualify as a transaction that is generally tax-free, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, under Section 368(a)(1)(D) and/or Section 355 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, to the extent that the failure to so qualify is attributable to: (i) a breach of the relevant representations and covenants made by us in the tax sharing agreement or any representation letter provided in support of any tax opinion or ruling obtained by IAC with respect to the U.S. federal income tax treatment of such spin-off, or (ii) an acquisition of our equity securities.

To preserve the tax-free treatment of any potential future spin-off by IAC of its interest in us, and in addition to our indemnity obligation described above, the tax sharing agreement will restrict us, for the two-year period following any such spin-off, except in specific circumstances, from: (i) entering into any transaction pursuant to which all or a portion of shares of our stock would be acquired, whether by merger or otherwise, (ii) issuing equity securities beyond certain thresholds, (iii) repurchasing our shares other than in certain open-market transactions, (iv) ceasing to actively conduct our businesses or (v)

taking or failing to take any other action that prevents the distribution and related transactions from qualifying as a transaction that is generally tax-free, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, under Section 368(a)(1)(D) and/or Section 355 of the Code.

These indemnity obligations and other limitations could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### Future sales or distributions of our shares by IAC could depress our common stock price.

IAC has the right to sell or distribute to its stockholders all or a portion of the shares of our capital stock that it holds (940,668 shares of our common stock and all of our shares of outstanding Class B common stock as of the date of this annual report). As of the date of this annual report, IAC has advised us that it does not have any present intention or plans to undertake such a sale or distribution; however, any sales by IAC in the public market or distributions to its stockholders of substantial amounts of our stock in the form of common stock or Class B common stock, or the filing by IAC of a registration statement relating to a substantial amount of our stock, could depress the price of our common stock.

In addition, IAC has the right, subject to certain conditions, to require us to file registration statements covering the sale of its shares or to include its shares in other registration statements that we may file. In the event IAC exercises its registration rights and sells all or a portion of its shares of our capital stock, the price of our common stock could decline.

#### The services that IAC provides to us may not be sufficient to meet our needs, which may result in increased costs and otherwise adversely affect our business.

IAC currently provides (and is expected to continue to provide) us with significant corporate and shared services related to corporate functions, such as executive oversight, risk management, information technology, accounting, audit, legal, tax, treasury and other services, for a fee provided in the services agreement described in "Item 1—Business-Relationship with IAC." IAC is not obligated to provide these services in a manner that differs from the nature of the service when we were a wholly-owned subsidiary of IAC, and thus we may not be able to modify these services in a manner desirable to us as a stand-alone public company. Further, if we no longer receive these services from IAC, we may not be able to perform these services ourselves, or find appropriate third-party arrangements at a reasonable cost, and the cost may be higher than that charged by IAC.

#### Risks related to our indebtedness

Our indebtedness may affect our ability to operate our business, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. We and our subsidiaries may incur additional indebtedness, including secured indebtedness.

As of December 31, 2016, we had total debt outstanding of approximately \$1.2 billion and borrowing availability of \$500.0 million under our revolving credit facility.

Our indebtedness could have important consequences, such as:

- limiting our ability to obtain additional financing to fund our working capital needs, acquisitions, capital expenditures or other debt service requirements or for other purposes;
- limiting our ability to use operating cash flow in other areas of our business because we must dedicate a substantial portion of these funds to service debt;
- limiting our ability to compete with other companies who are not as highly leveraged, as we may be less capable of responding to adverse economic and industry conditions;
- restricting us from making strategic acquisitions, developing properties or exploiting business opportunities;
- restricting the way in which we conduct our business because of financial and operating covenants in the agreements governing our and certain of our subsidiaries' existing and future indebtedness, including, in the case of certain indebtedness of subsidiaries, certain covenants that restrict the ability of subsidiaries to pay dividends or make other distributions to us;

- exposing us to potential events of default (if not cured or waived) under financial and operating covenants contained in our or our subsidiaries' debt
  instruments that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and operating results; increasing our vulnerability to a downturn
  in general economic conditions or in pricing of our products; and
- limiting our ability to react to changing market conditions in our industry and in our customers' industries.

In addition to our debt service obligations, our operations require substantial investments on a continuing basis. Our ability to make scheduled debt payments, to refinance our obligations with respect to our indebtedness and to fund capital and non-capital expenditures necessary to maintain the condition of our operating assets and properties, as well as to provide capacity for the growth of our business, depends on our financial and operating performance, which, in turn, is subject to prevailing economic conditions and financial, business, competitive, legal and other factors.

Subject to the restrictions in our credit agreement (which includes our revolving credit facility and term loan) and the restrictions included in the indentures related to the Company's 6.75% Senior Notes due 2022 and 6.375% Senior Notes due 2024 (the "Match Group Senior Notes"), we and our subsidiaries may incur significant additional indebtedness, including additional secured indebtedness. Although the terms of our credit agreement and the indentures related to the Match Group Senior Notes contain restrictions on the incurrence of additional indebtedness, these restrictions are subject to a number of qualifications and exceptions, and additional indebtedness incurred in compliance with these restrictions could be significant. If new debt is added to our or our subsidiaries' current debt levels, the risks described above could increase.

We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service all of our current and planned indebtedness and may be forced to take other actions to satisfy our obligations under our indebtedness that may not be successful.

Our ability to satisfy our debt obligations will depend upon, among other things:

- our future financial and operating performance, which will be affected by prevailing economic conditions and financial, business, regulatory and other factors, many of which are beyond our control; and
- our future ability to borrow under our revolving credit facility, the availability of which will depend on, among other things, our complying with the
  covenants in the then-existing agreements governing our indebtedness.

We cannot assure you that our business will generate sufficient cash flow from operations, or that we will be able to draw under our revolving credit facility or otherwise, in an amount sufficient to fund our liquidity needs.

If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to service our indebtedness, we may be forced to reduce or delay capital expenditures, sell assets, seek additional capital or restructure or refinance our indebtedness. These alternative measures may not be successful and may not permit us to meet our scheduled debt service obligations. Our ability to restructure or refinance our debt will depend on the condition of the capital markets and our financial condition at such time. Any refinancing of our debt could be at higher interest rates and may require us to comply with more onerous covenants, which could further restrict our business operations. In addition, the terms of existing or future debt agreements may restrict us from adopting some of these alternatives. In the absence of such operating results and resources, we could face substantial liquidity problems and might be required to dispose of material assets or operations, sell equity, and/or negotiate with our lenders to restructure the applicable debt, in order to meet our debt service and other obligations. We may not be able to consummate those dispositions for fair market value or at all. Our credit agreement and the indentures related to the Match Group Senior Notes may restrict, or market or business conditions may limit, our ability to avail ourselves of some or all of these options.

Furthermore, any proceeds that we could realize from any such dispositions may not be adequate to meet our debt service obligations then due.

## Our debt agreements contain restrictions that will limit our flexibility in operating our business.

Our credit agreement and the indentures related to the Match Group Senior Notes contain, and any instruments governing future indebtedness of ours would likely contain, a number of covenants that will impose significant operating and financial restrictions on us, including restrictions on our ability to, among other things:

- create liens on certain assets;
- incur additional debt;
- make certain investments and acquisitions;
- consolidate, merge, sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets;
- · sell certain assets;
- pay dividends on or make distributions in respect of our capital stock or make restricted payments;
- enter into certain transactions with our affiliates; and
- place restrictions on distributions from subsidiaries.

Any of these restrictions could limit our ability to plan for or react to market conditions and could otherwise restrict corporate activities. Any failure to comply with these covenants could result in a default under our credit agreement and/or the indentures related to the Match Group Senior Notes or any instruments governing future indebtedness of ours. Upon a default, unless waived, the lenders under our credit agreement could elect to terminate their commitments, cease making further loans, foreclose on our assets pledged to such lenders to secure our obligations under our credit agreement and force us into bankruptcy or liquidation. Holders of the Match Group Senior Notes also have the ability to force us into bankruptcy or liquidation in certain circumstances, subject to the terms of the related indentures. In addition, a default under our credit agreement or the indentures related to the Match Group Senior Notes may trigger a cross default under our other agreements and could trigger a cross default under the agreements governing our future indebtedness. Our operating results may not be sufficient to service our indebtedness or to fund our other expenditures and we may not be able to obtain financing to meet these requirements.

Variable rate indebtedness that we have incurred or may incur under our credit agreement will subject us to interest rate risk, which could cause our debt service obligations to increase significantly.

We currently have \$350 million of indebtedness outstanding under our term loan. Borrowings under the term loan are, and any borrowings under our revolving credit facility will be, at variable rates of interest. Indebtedness that bears interest at variable rates exposes us to interest rate risk. Our term loan bears interest at LIBOR plus 3.25%. As of December 31, 2016, the rate in effect was 4.20%. If LIBOR were to increase by 100 basis points, then the annual interest and expense payments on the outstanding balance as of December 31, 2016 on the term loan would have increased by \$3.5 million. If LIBOR were to decrease by 100 basis points, then the effective interest rate would decrease by 20 basis points to the LIBOR floor of 0.75% and the annual interest expense and payments in the current year would decrease by \$0.7 million. See also "Item 7A-Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk."

## Risks related to ownership of our common stock

The multi-class structure of our capital stock has the effect of concentrating voting control with holders of our Class B common stock and limiting your ability to influence corporate matters.

Our publicly held common stock has one vote per share and our Class B common stock has ten votes per share. As of January 27, 2017, IAC owned all of the shares of our outstanding Class B common stock and 940,668 shares of our common stock, collectively representing approximately 82.4% of our outstanding shares of capital stock and approximately 97.9% of the combined voting power of our outstanding capital stock. Due to the ten-to-one voting ratio between our Class B common stock and common stock, the holders of our Class B common stock collectively will continue to control a majority of the combined voting power of our capital stock, even when the outstanding shares of Class B common stock represent a small minority of our outstanding capital stock, and such voting control will be concentrated with IAC. This concentrated control will significantly limit your ability to influence corporate matters.

The difference in the voting rights of our common stock and our Class B common stock may harm the value and liquidity of our common stock.

Holders of our Class B common stock are entitled to ten votes per share and holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote per share. The difference in the voting rights of our common stock and Class B common stock could harm the value of our common stock to the extent that any investor or potential future purchaser of our common stock ascribes value to the right of the holders of our Class B common stock to ten votes per share. The existence of two classes of common stock with different voting rights could result in less liquidity for either class of stock than if there were only one class of our common stock.

The price of our common stock has been and may continue to be volatile or may decline regardless of our operating performance, and you could lose all or part of your investment.

During 2016, our common stock has traded as high as \$19.74 and as low as \$8.41 and on February 27, 2017, the closing price of our common stock was \$16.40. The market price of our common stock has been and may continue to be subject to wide fluctuations in response to various factors, many of which are beyond our control and may not be related to our operating performance. These fluctuations could cause you to lose part of your investment in our common stock since you might be unable to sell your shares at or above the price you paid. Factors that could cause fluctuations in the market price of our common stock include the following:

- •price and volume fluctuations in the overall stock market from time to time;
- •volatility in the market prices and trading volumes of technology stocks generally, or those in our industry in particular;
- •changes in operating performance and stock market valuations of other technology companies generally, or those in our industry in particular;
- •volatility in the market price of our common stock due to the limited number of shares of our common stock held by the public;
- •sales of shares of our stock by us and/or our directors, executive officers, employees and stockholders;
- •the failure of securities analysts to maintain coverage of us, changes in financial estimates by securities analysts who follow our company or our failure to meet these estimates or the expectations of investors;
- •the financial projections we may provide to the public, any changes in those projections or our failure to meet those projections;
- •announcements by us or our competitors of new brands, products or services;
- •the public's reaction to our earnings releases, other public announcements and filings with the SEC;
- •rumors and market speculation involving us or other companies in our industry;
- •actual or anticipated changes in our operating results or fluctuations in our operating results;
- •actual or anticipated developments in our business, our competitors' businesses or the competitive landscape generally;
- •litigation involving us, our industry or both, or investigations by regulators into our operations or those of our competitors;
- •developments or disputes concerning our intellectual property or other proprietary rights;
- •announced or completed acquisitions of businesses or technologies by us or our competitors;
- •new laws or regulations or new interpretations of (or changes to) existing laws or regulations applicable to our business;
- •changes in accounting standards, policies, guidelines, interpretations or principles;
- •any significant change in our management; and
- •general economic conditions and slow or negative growth in any of our significant markets.

In addition, in the past, following periods of volatility in the overall market and the market price of a particular company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been instituted against these companies. We currently are, and in the future may be, the target of this type of litigation. See "Item 3—Legal Proceedings." Securities litigation against us, could result in substantial costs and a diversion of our management's attention and resources. This litigation, if instituted against us, could result in substantial costs and a diversion of our management's attention and resources.

# You may experience dilution due to the issuance of additional securities in the future .

Our dilutive securities consist of vested and unvested options to purchase shares of our common stock, restricted stock unit awards, vested and unvested stock options and stock settled stock appreciation rights denominated in the equity of Tinder and The Princeton Review ("Subsidiary Awards") and shares of our common stock issuable to IAC as reimbursement for the cost of IAC equity awards held by our employees. For more information regarding Subsidiary Awards, see "Note 12—Stock-Based Compensation" to the consolidated and combined financial statements included in "Item 8—Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."

These dilutive securities are reflected in our share calculations underlying our dilutive earnings per share calculation contained in our financial statements for fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014. For more information, see "Note 11-Earnings Per Share" to the consolidated and combined financial statements included in "Item 8-Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements and Supplementary Data." Intra-quarter movements in our stock price, as well as variances between the estimated fair value of our subsidiaries used to calculate such fully-diluted share calculations (which estimated fair value may change from time-to-time and quarter-to-quarter) and the fair value determined in connection with the liquidity events related to our Subsidiary Awards, could lead to more or less dilution than reflected in these calculations.

At the option of IAC, the shares Match Group issues in connection with subsidiary equity awards will either be issued to holders of such awards or to IAC. In the event they are issued to IAC, IAC would in turn provide the subsidiary equity holders with IAC shares of equivalent value to the Match Group shares issued to it. In cases where Match Group shares are issued directly to subsidiary equity holders, recipients may sell such stock into the open market. If sales are significant and concentrated, these sales could have a temporary impact on the trading value of our stock.

#### Our quarterly results or operating metrics could fluctuate significantly, which could cause the trading price of our common stock to decline.

Our quarterly results and operating metrics have fluctuated historically and we expect that they could continue to fluctuate in the future as a result of a number of factors, many of which are outside of our control and may be difficult to predict, including:

- the timing, size and effectiveness of our marketing efforts;
- fluctuations in the rate at which we attract new users, the level of engagement of such users and the propensity of such users to subscribe to our brands or
  to purchase à la carte features;
- increases or decreases in our revenues and expenses caused by fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates;
- the timing, size and effectiveness of non-marketing operating expenses that we may incur to grow and expand our operations, develop new products and remain competitive;
- the performance, reliability and availability of our technology, network systems and infrastructure and data centers;
- · operational and financial risks we may experience in connection with historical and potential future acquisitions and investments; and
- general economic conditions in either domestic or international markets.

The occurrence of any one of these factors, as well as other factors, or the cumulative effect of the occurrence of one or more of such factors could cause our quarterly results and operating metrics to fluctuate significantly. As a result, quarterly comparisons of results and operating metrics may not be meaningful.

In addition, the variability and unpredictability of our quarterly results or operating metrics could result in our failure to meet our expectations, or those of any of our investors or of analysts that cover our company, with respect to revenues or other

operating results for a particular period. If we fail to meet or exceed such expectations for these or any other reasons, the market price of our common stock could fall substantially.

#### We do not expect to declare any cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

We do not intend to pay cash dividends on our common stock and Class B common stock for the foreseeable future. Instead, we anticipate that all of our future earnings will be retained to support our operations and to finance the growth and development of our business. Any future determination relating to our dividend policy will be made by our board of directors and will depend on a number of factors, including:

- our historic and projected financial condition, liquidity and results of operations;
- our capital levels and needs;
- tax considerations;
- any acquisitions or potential acquisitions that we may consider;
- statutory and regulatory prohibitions and other limitations;
- the terms of any credit agreements or other borrowing arrangements that restrict our ability to pay cash dividends, including the Match Group Credit Agreement and the indenture relating to the Match Group Senior Notes;
- · general economic conditions; and
- other factors deemed relevant by our board of directors.

We are not obligated to pay dividends on our common stock or Class B common stock. Consequently, investors may need to rely on sales of their common stock after price appreciation, which may never occur, as the only way to realize any future gains on their investment. Investors seeking cash dividends should not purchase our common stock.

Provisions in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws or Delaware law may discourage, delay or prevent a change of control of our company or changes in our management and, therefore, depress the trading price of our common stock.

Delaware corporate law and our certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that could discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of our company or changes in our management that the stockholders of our company may deem advantageous, including provisions which:

- authorize the issuance of "blank check" preferred stock that our board could issue to increase the number of outstanding shares and to discourage a
  takeover attempt;
- limit the ability of our stockholders to call special meetings of stockholders;
- provide that certain litigation against us can only be brought in Delaware; and
- · provide that the board of directors is expressly authorized to make, alter or repeal our bylaws.

Any provision of our certificate of incorporation, our bylaws or Delaware law that has the effect of delaying or deterring a change in control could limit the opportunity for our stockholders to receive a premium for their shares of our common stock, and could also affect the price that some investors are willing to pay for our common stock.

#### **Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

None.

#### Item 2. Properties

Match Group's corporate headquarters consists of approximately 73,000 square feet of office space in Dallas, Texas. This office space, which also houses offices for the Match brand, is leased pursuant to a lease agreement that expires on March 31, 2027. We do not own any real property.

The facilities for our various businesses, which we lease (in some cases, from IAC) both in the United States and abroad, consist of executive and administrative offices and data centers. We also lease space in four data centers: two for our North American, Latin American and Asian operations (one in Dallas, Texas and another in Waco, Texas), and two for our European operations (one in Paris, France and another in Zaventem, Belgium).

We believe that our current facilities are adequate to meet our ongoing needs. We also believe that, if we require additional space, we will be able to lease additional facilities on commercially reasonable terms.

#### **Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

#### Overview

We are, and from time to time may become, involved in various legal proceedings arising in the normal course of business activities, such as patent infringement claims, trademark oppositions and consumer or advertising complaints, as well as stockholder derivative actions, class action lawsuits and other matters. The amounts that may be recovered in such matters may be subject to insurance coverage. Although the results of legal proceedings and claims cannot be predicted with certainty, we are not currently a party to any legal proceedings the outcome of which, we believe, if determined adversely to us, would individually or in the aggregate have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. See "Item 1A—Risk factors—Risks relating to our business—We are subject to litigation and adverse outcomes in such litigation could have an adverse effect on our financial condition."

Rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission require the description of material pending legal proceedings (other than ordinary, routine litigation incident to the registrant's business) and advise that proceedings ordinarily need not be described if they primarily involve damages claims for amounts (exclusive of interest and costs) not exceeding 10% of the current assets of the registrant and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis. In the judgment of Match Group management, none of the pending litigation matters that we are defending, including those described below, involves or is likely to involve amounts of that magnitude. The litigation matters described below involve issues or claims that may be of particular interest to our stockholders, regardless of whether any of these matters may be material to our financial position or operations based upon the standard set forth in the SEC's rules.

#### **Securities Class Action Litigation against Match Group**

As previously disclosed in our periodic reports, on February 26, 2016, a putative nationwide class action was filed in federal court in Texas against the Company, five of its officers and directors, and twelve underwriters of the Company's initial public offering in November 2015. See David M. Stein v. Match Group, Inc. et al., No. 3:16-cv-549 (U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas). The complaint alleged that the registration statement and prospectus issued in connection with the Company's initial public offering were materially false and misleading given their failure to state that: (i) Match Group's Non-dating business would miss its revenue projection for the quarter ended December 31, 2015, and (ii) ARPPU (as defined in "Item 2—Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—General-Key Terms") would decline substantially in the quarter ended December 31, 2015. The complaint asserted that these alleged failures to timely disclose material information caused Match Group's stock price to drop after the announcement of its earnings for the quarter ended December 31, 2015. The complaint pleaded claims under the Securities Act of 1933 for untrue statements of material fact in, or omissions of material facts from, the registration statement, the prospectus, and related communications in violation of Sections 11 and 12 and, as to the officer/director defendants only, control-person liability under Section 15 for the Company's alleged violations. The complaint sought among other relief class certification and damages in an unspecified amount.

On March 9, 2016, a virtually identical class action complaint was filed in the same court against the same defendants by a different named plaintiff. See Stephany Kam-Wan Chan v. Match Group, Inc. et al., No. 3:16-cv-668 (U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas). On April 25, 2016, Judge Boyle in the Chan case issued an order granting the parties' joint motion to transfer that case to Judge Lindsay, who is presiding over the earlier-filed Stein case. On April 27, 2016, various current or former Match Group shareholders and their respective law firms filed motions seeking appointment as lead plaintiff(s) and lead or liaison counsel for the putative class. On April 28, 2016, the Court issued orders: (i) consolidating the Chan case into the

Stein case, (ii) approving the parties' stipulation to extend the defendants' time to respond to the complaint until after the Court has appointed a lead plaintiff and lead counsel for the putative class and has set a schedule for the plaintiff's filing of a consolidated complaint and the defendants' response to that pleading, and (iii) referring the various motions for appointment of lead plaintiff(s) and lead or liaison counsel for the putative class to a United States Magistrate Judge for determination. In accordance with this order, the consolidated case is now captioned Mary McCloskey et ano. v. Match Group, Inc. et al., No. 3:16-CV-549-L. On June 9, 2016, the Magistrate Judge issued an order appointing two lead plaintiffs, two law firms as co-lead plaintiffs' counsel, and a third law firm as plaintiffs' liaison counsel.

On July 27, 2016, the parties submitted to the Court a joint status report proposing a schedule for the plaintiffs' filing of a consolidated amended complaint and the parties' briefing of the defendants' contemplated motion to dismiss the consolidated complaint. On August 17, 2016, the Court issued an order approving the parties' proposed schedule. On September 9, 2016, in accordance with the schedule, the plaintiffs filed an amended consolidated complaint. The new pleading focuses solely on allegedly misleading statements or omissions concerning the Match Group's Non-dating business. The defendants filed motions to dismiss the amended consolidated complaint on November 8, 2016. The plaintiffs filed oppositions to the motions on December 23, 2016, and the defendants filed replies to the oppositions on February 6, 2017. We believe that the allegations in these lawsuits are without merit and will continue to defend vigorously against them.

#### Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosure

Not applicable.

#### PART II

#### Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

#### Market for Registrant's Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters

Our common stock is quoted on the Nasdaq Global Select Market ("NASDAQ") under the ticker symbol "MTCH." Our common stock started trading on NASDAQ on November 19, 2015. Prior to November 19, 2015, there was no established public trading market for our common stock and there is no established public trading market for our Class B common stock. The table below sets forth, for the calendar periods indicated, the historical high and low sales prices per share for our common stock as reported on NASDAQ. As of February 27, 2017, the closing price of our common stock on NASDAQ was \$16.40.

	High	Low
Year Ended December 31, 2016		
Fourth Quarter	\$ 19.74	\$ 15.08
Third Quarter	18.20	14.28
Second Quarter	16.10	10.06
First Quarter	14.25	8.41
Year Ended December 31, 2015		
Fourth Quarter (November 19, 2015 to December 31, 2015)	\$ 16.17	\$ 12.63

As of January 27, 2017, there were eleven holders of record of the Company's common stock and one holder of record of the Company's Class B common stock. Because the substantial majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock are held by brokers and other institutions on behalf of shareholders, we are not able to estimate the total number of beneficial shareholders represented by these record holders.

#### **Dividend Policy**

We do not intend to pay dividends on our common stock or Class B common stock for the foreseeable future. Instead, we anticipate that all of our future earnings will be retained to support our operations and to finance the growth and development of our business. Any future determination relating to our dividend policy will be made by our board of directors and will depend on a number of factors, including our financial condition, earnings, capital requirements, covenants associated with our debt obligations, legal requirements, regulatory constraints, general economic conditions and other factors deemed relevant by our board of directors.

#### **Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities**

The Employee Matters Agreement dated as of November 24, 2015, by and between IAC/InterActiveCorp ("IAC") and the Company, as amended effective as of April 13, 2016 (the "Employee Matters Agreement"), provides, among other things, that the Company will reimburse IAC for the cost of any IAC equity awards held by the Company's employees and former employees and that IAC may elect to receive payment either in cash or Company common stock.

Pursuant to the Employee Matters Agreement, 2,812 shares of Company common stock were issued to IAC on December 21, 2016 as reimbursement for shares of IAC common stock issued in connection with the exercise of IAC stock options held by Match Group employees. None of the above issuances involved any underwriters or public offerings and we believe that each issuance was exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of such act.

#### Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The selected financial data set forth in the table below as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 and for the years then ended were derived from our audited consolidated and combined financial statements. The selected financial data set forth in the table below as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 and for the years then ended were derived from our audited combined financial statements. The combined statement of operations data for the year ended December 31, 2012 was derived from our audited combined statement of operations. This selected financial data should be read in conjunction with the consolidated and combined financial statements and accompanying notes included herein.

	Years Ended December 31,									
		2016		2015		2014		2013		2012
				(Dollars i	n tho	usands, except	per s	hare data)		
Statement of Operations Data: (a)										
Revenue	\$	1,222,526	\$	1,020,431	\$	888,268	\$	803,089	\$	713,449
Net earnings		172,013		120,487		148,359		126,627		90,281
Earnings per share attributable to Match Group, Inc. shareholders:										
Basic	\$	0.68	\$	0.69	\$	0.92	\$	0.78	\$	0.55
Diluted	\$	0.64	\$	0.65	\$	0.88	\$	0.76	\$	0.53
				Decen	ıber 3	31,				
		2016		2015 <sup>(b)</sup>		2014		2013		
				(In tho	usan	ds)				
Balance Sheet Data:										
Total assets	\$	2,048,678	\$	1,909,392	\$	1,302,109	\$	1,286,705		
Long-term debt, including current maturities		1,176,493		1,216,871		_		_		
Long-term debt, related party		_		_		190,586		79,000		

<sup>(</sup>a) We recognized items that affected the comparability of results for the years 2016, 2015 and 2014, see "Item 7—Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

<sup>(</sup>b) Total assets and long-term debt have been adjusted due to the adoption of Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2015-03, Interest-Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs, and ASU No. 2015-15, Interest-Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Presentation and Subsequent Measurement of Debt Issuance Costs Associated with Line-of-Credit Arrangements. Together, this guidance requires that deferred debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of the associated debt liability, consistent with debt discounts and premiums, while debt issuance costs related to line-of-credit arrangements may still continue to be classified as assets, see "Note 2—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" to the consolidated and combined financial statements included in "Item 8—Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."

## Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

#### **Key Terms:**

When the following terms appear in this report, they have the meanings indicated below:

## **Reportable segments:**

- **Dating** consists of all of our dating businesses globally.
- Non-dating consists of The Princeton Review.

# **Operating metrics:**

- Dating North America consists of the financial results of our Dating businesses for customers located in the United States and Canada.
- Dating International consists of the financial results of our Dating businesses for customers located outside of the United States and Canada.
- **Direct Revenue** is revenue that is directly received from an end user of our products.
- Indirect Revenue is revenue that is not received directly from an end user of our products, substantially all of which is advertising revenue.
- Average PMC is calculated by summing the number of paid members, or paid member count ("PMC"), at the end of each day in the relevant measurement period and dividing it by the number of calendar days in that period. PMC as of any given time represents the number of users with a paid membership at that time. Users who purchase à la carte features from us do not qualify as paid members for purposes of PMC by virtue of such purchase, though often such purchasers are also paid members.
- Average Revenue per Paying User ("ARPPU") is Direct Revenue from members in the relevant measurement period (whether in the form of subscription payments or à la carte payments) divided by the Average PMC in such period divided by the number of calendar days in such period. This definition has been updated in the fourth quarter of 2016 to exclude non-subscriber Direct Revenue and previously reported ARPPU has been adjusted to conform to this definition.

#### **Operating costs and expenses:**

- Cost of revenue consists primarily of compensation (including stock-based compensation) and other employee-related costs for personnel engaged in data center and customer care functions, and teachers/tutors, in-app purchase fees, credit card processing fees, hosting fees and data center rent, energy and bandwidth costs. In-app purchase fees are monies paid to Apple and Google for the distribution and facilitation of in-app purchases of product features.
- Selling and marketing expense consists primarily of advertising expenditures and compensation (including stock-based compensation) and other
  employee-related costs for personnel engaged in selling and marketing and sales support functions. Advertising expenditures includes online marketing,
  including fees paid to search engines, offline marketing (which is primarily television advertising), and partner-related payments to those who direct
  traffic to our brands.
- General and administrative expense consists primarily of compensation (including stock-based compensation) and other employee-related costs for personnel engaged in executive management, finance, legal, tax and human resources, acquisition-related contingent consideration fair value adjustments (described below), fees for professional services and facilities costs.
- **Product development expense** consists primarily of compensation (including stock-based compensation) and other employee-related costs, to the extent that they are not capitalized, for personnel engaged in the design, development, testing and enhancement of product offerings and related technology.
- Acquisition-related contingent consideration fair value adjustments relate to the portion of the purchase price (of certain acquisitions) that is
  contingent upon the future operating performance of the acquired company. The amounts ultimately paid are generally dependent upon earnings
  performance and/or operating metrics as stipulated in the relevant purchase agreements. The fair value of the liability is estimated at the date of
  acquisition and adjusted

each reporting period to fair value until the liability is settled. If the payment date of the liability is longer than one year, the amount is initially recorded net of a discount, which is amortized as an expense each period. In a period where the acquired company is expected to perform better than the previous estimate, the liability will be increased resulting in additional expense; and in a period when the acquired company is expected to perform worse than the previous estimate, the liability will be decreased resulting in income. The year-over-year impact can be significant, for example, if there is income in one period and expense in the other period.

#### **Long-term debt:**

- Match Exchange Offer Match Group exchanged \$445 million of 2015 Senior Notes (described below) for a substantially like amount of IAC's 4.75% Senior Notes due December 15, 2022 ("IAC 2012 Senior Notes") on November 16, 2015.
- 2015 Senior Notes The Company's 6.75% Senior Notes due December 15, 2022, with interest payable each June 15 and December 15, which commenced June 15, 2016, and which were issued on November 16, 2015 in exchange for IAC 2012 Senior Notes.
- Term Loan The Company's \$800 million, seven-year term loan entered into on November 16, 2015. On March 31, 2016, a \$10 million principal payment was made. On June 1, 2016, the Company issued \$400 million of 6.375% Senior Notes (described below). The proceeds from the offering were used to prepay a portion of the \$790 million of indebtedness outstanding under the Term Loan. On December 8, 2016, a \$40 million principal payment was made. In addition, the outstanding balance was repriced at LIBOR plus 3.25%, with a LIBOR floor of 0.75%. The outstanding balance of the Term Loan as of December 31, 2016 is \$350 million.
- **2016 Senior Notes** The Company's 6.375% Senior Notes due June 1, 2024, with interest payable each June 1 and December 1, which commenced on December 1, 2016, and which were issued on June 1, 2016.

#### Non-GAAP financial measure:

• Adjusted Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization ("Adjusted EBITDA") - is a Non-GAAP financial measure. See "Match Group Inc.'s Principles of Financial Reporting" for the definition of Adjusted EBITDA.

#### MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Match Group, Inc. ("Match Group," the "Company," "we," "our," or "us") is the world's leading provider of dating products. We operate a portfolio of over 45 dating brands, including Match, Tinder, PlentyOfFish, Meetic, OkCupid, Pairs, Twoo, OurTime, BlackPeopleMeet and LoveScout24 (formerly known as FriendScout24), each designed to increase our users' likelihood of finding a romantic connection. Through our portfolio of trusted brands, we provide tailored products to meet the varying preferences of our users. We currently offer our dating products in 42 languages across more than 190 countries. In addition to our dating businesses, we also operate The Princeton Review, which provides a variety of test preparation, academic tutoring and college counseling services. In January 2017, we entered into a definitive agreement to sell The Princeton Review to ST Unitas, a global education technology company. The transaction is expected to close in the first half of 2017.

### Sources of Revenue

All our dating products provide the use of certain features for free, and then offer a variety of additional features for paid members. Our Dating revenue is primarily derived directly from users in the form of recurring membership fees.

Membership revenue is presented net of credits and credit card chargebacks. Members pay in advance, primarily by using a credit card or through mobile app stores, and, subject to certain conditions identified in our terms and conditions, all purchases are final and nonrefundable. Fees collected, or contractually due, in advance for memberships are deferred and recognized as revenue using the straight-line method over the terms of the applicable membership period, which primarily range from one to six months, while corresponding mobile app store fees incurred on such transactions, if any, are deferred and expensed over the same period. We also earn revenue from online advertising, the purchase of à la carte features and offline events. Online advertising revenue is recognized every time an ad is displayed. Revenue from the purchase of à la carte features is recognized based on usage. Revenue and the related expenses associated with offline events are recognized when each event occurs.

Non-dating revenue is primarily earned from fees received directly from students for in-person and online test preparation classes, access to online test preparation materials and individual tutoring services. Fees from classes and access to online

materials are recognized over the period of the course and the period of the online access, respectively. Tutoring fees are recognized based on usage.

#### Trends affecting our Dating business

Over the last several years, we have seen significant changes in our business. During this time, our portfolio has evolved from one dominated by our Match and affinity brands in North America, and Meetic internationally, to one in which other brands such as Tinder and PlentyOfFish represent a significant portion of our overall user base. This portfolio evolution has led to, been driven by, or coincided with, a number of significant trends in our business including the following:

Expansion of the category through mobile. We have experienced strong growth in the usage of our products on mobile devices over the last several years. Mobile adoption has improved user engagement, opened new customer acquisition channels, and attracted a younger demographic compared to our desktop products. This trend continues to help broaden the category as online dating is widely adopted by a new generation of users. Mobile adoption is also allowing us to accelerate growth in certain international markets that were previously under-penetrated with desktop only products. Although mobile adoption has represented, and continues to represent, a significant growth opportunity for us, it has also required dedication of additional product and technology resources. Our mobile products, taken as a whole, tend to have lower conversion rates than our desktop-first products, when other factors impacting conversion are held constant. Increased mobile adoption has led to challenges for those of our brands that have significant pre-existing desktop businesses with high percentages of paid members. As a result, we expect to continue to invest heavily to optimize and expand our product offerings, while increasing conversion levels at our formerly desktop only brands.

Lower cost users. All of our brands rely on word-of-mouth, or free, customer acquisition to varying degrees. Word-of-mouth acquisition is typically a function of scale (with larger communities driving greater numbers of referrals), youthfulness (with the viral effect being more pronounced in younger populations due, in part, to a significantly higher concentration of single people in any given social circle) and monetization rate (with people generally more likely to talk openly about using dating products that are less heavily monetized). Additionally, some, but not all, of our brands spend meaningfully on paid marketing. Accordingly, the average amount we spend to acquire a user differs significantly across brands based in large part on each brand's mix of paid and free acquisition channels. As our mix has shifted toward younger users, our mix of acquisition channels has shifted toward free channels, driving a significant decline over the past several years in the average amount we spend to acquire a new user across our portfolio. Our costs of acquiring paid members have also declined meaningfully. We expect the dynamics that have led to the growth in word-of-mouth customer acquisition to continue going forward and for our brands to continue to acquire significant numbers of users through low-cost means.

Changing paid acquisition dynamics. Even as our acquisition of lower cost users increases, paid acquisition of users remains an important driver of our business. The channels through which we market our brands are always evolving, but we are currently in a period of rapid change as TV and video consumption patterns evolve and internet consumption shifts from desktop to mobile devices. However, advertising opportunities have not kept up with audience migration, putting pressure on our paid marketing activities. Recently, we have been able to increase our marketing spend despite these trends, and to bring down the costs of acquiring new users to our products through our paid channels. However, our increases in spend have generally been made in less effective channels, bringing in lower converting users. We believe that advertising opportunities will increasingly follow consumer usage patterns, and that as this occurs, and as we improve our expertise at exploiting these evolving marketing channels, we will be able to increase our marketing efficiency over time.

Mix-driven decline in consolidated ARPPU. Tinder, OkCupid, PlentyOfFish and Twoo all have a lower ARPPU than our other brands. Over the last few years, the number of paid members from the lower ARPPU brands has become an increasingly large percentage of our aggregate number of paid members. As a result, our overall or consolidated ARPPU has declined even though ARPPU is increasing for certain of our brands. The decline in overall ARPPU has coincided with the decline in the cost of acquiring new users discussed above, and is expected to moderate now that our lower ARPPU brands, like Tinder and PlentyOfFish, are well established.

#### Other factors affecting the comparability of our results

Advertising spend. Our advertising spend, which is included in our selling and marketing expense, has consistently been our largest operating expense. In recent periods, we have focused our adverting spend on display, mobile, television, social media and search channels. We seek to optimize for total return on advertising spend by frequently analyzing and adjusting this spend through numerous campaigns to focus on marketing channels and markets that generate a high return. Our data-driven

approach provides us the flexibility to scale and optimize our advertising spend. We spend marketing dollars against an expected lifetime value of a customer that is realized by us over a multi-year period; and while this marketing is intended to be profitable on that basis, it is nearly always negative during the period in which the expense is incurred. Accordingly, our operating results, in particular our profit measures, for a particular period may be meaningfully impacted by the timing, size, number or effectiveness of our advertising campaigns in that period. Additionally, advertising spend is typically higher during the first quarter of our fiscal year, and lower during the fourth quarter. See "Seasonality" below.

Seasonality. Historically, our Dating business has experienced seasonal fluctuations in quarterly operating results, particularly with respect to our profit measurements. This is driven primarily by a higher concentration of advertising spend in the first quarter, when advertising prices are lowest and demand for our products is highest, and a lower concentration of advertising spend in the fourth quarter, when advertising costs are highest and demand for our products is lowest.

International markets. Our products are available in over 190 countries. Our international revenue represented 37% and 32% of our total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. We vary our pricing to align with local market conditions and our international businesses typically earn revenue in local currencies, primarily the Euro. As foreign currency exchange rates change, translation of the statement of operations of our international businesses into U.S. dollars affects year-over-year comparability of operating results.

**Business combinations.** Acquisitions are an important part of our growth strategy, and we expect to make opportunistic acquisitions in the future. During the three years ended December 31, 2016, we have invested approximately \$634.5 million to acquire 9 new brands for our dating portfolio including LoveScout24, Eureka and PlentyOfFish. As a consequence of the contributions of these businesses and acquisition-related expenses, our consolidated and combined results of operations may not be comparable between periods.

#### Non-dating business

In addition to our Dating business, we also operate The Princeton Review, which provides a variety of test preparation, academic tutoring and college counseling services. In 2017, we entered into a definitive agreement to sell The Princeton Review to ST Unitas, a global education technology company. The transaction is expected to close in the first half of 2017.

# 2016 Developments

On December 8, 2016, we made a \$40 million principal payment on our Term Loan. In addition, the remaining outstanding balance of \$350 million was repriced at LIBOR plus 3.25%, with a LIBOR floor of 0.75%. The previous interest charged on the Term Loan was LIBOR plus 4.50%, with a LIBOR floor of 1.00%.

On June 1, 2016, we issued \$400 million aggregate principal amount of 6.375% Senior Notes due June 1, 2024. The proceeds were used to prepay a portion of the Term Loan.

# 2016 Consolidated Results

In 2016, revenue, operating income and Adjusted EBITDA grew 20%, 58% and 45%, respectively. Revenue growth was primarily driven by an increase in Direct Revenue with a strong contribution from Tinder and the 2015 acquisitions of PlentyOfFish and Eureka. The growth in operating income and Adjusted EBITDA was due primarily to higher revenue and lower selling and marketing expense as a percentage of revenue as our sales mix continues to shift towards brands with lower marketing spend. Operating income and Adjusted EBITDA also benefited from a decrease of \$11.9 million in costs related to the consolidation and streamlining of our technology systems and European operations at our Dating business (\$4.9 million in 2016 compared to \$16.8 million in 2015). Operating income was further impacted by income in 2016 of \$9.2 million from acquisition-related contingent consideration fair value adjustments compared to income of \$11.1 million in 2015, increases in 2016 of \$5.2 million and \$2.9 million in depreciation and amortization of intangibles, respectively, which are each due in part to the acquisitions noted above and a \$2.9 million increase in stock-based compensation expense.

# Results of Operations for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014

#### Revenue

		Years Ended December 31,										
		2016		Change	% Change		2015		Change	% Change		2014
					(Amour	nts in th	ousands, except	ARPP	U)			
Direct Revenue:												
North America	\$	681,809	\$	98,577	17%	\$	583,232	\$	57,304	11%	\$	525,928
International		385,555		102,204	36%		283,351		9,752	4%		273,599
Total Direct Revenue		1,067,364		200,781	23%		866,583		67,056	8%		799,527
Indirect Revenue		50,746		7,624	18%		43,122		6,191	17%		36,931
Total Dating Revenue		1,118,110		208,405	23%		909,705	. ,	73,247	9%		836,458
Non-dating Revenue		104,416		(6,310)	(6)%		110,726		58,916	114%		51,810
Total Revenue	\$	1,222,526	\$	202,095	20%	\$	1,020,431	\$	132,163	15%	\$	888,268
Percentage of Total Re	venue:											
Direct Revenue:	· ciruc·											
North America		56%					57%					59%
International		31%					28%					31%
Total Direct Revenue		87%					85%					90%
Indirect Revenue		4%					4%					4%
Total Dating Revenue		91%				_	89%					94%
Non-dating Revenue		9%					11%					6%
Total Revenue		100%					100%					100%
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Average PMC:		2.217		605	220/		0.710		200	120/		2 404
North America		3,317		605	22%		2,712		308	13%		2,404
International		2,091		656	46%		1,435		338	31%		1,097
Total	_	5,408		1,261	30%	_	4,147		646	18%	_	3,501
ARPPU:												
North America	\$	0.56	\$	(0.03)	(5)%	\$	0.59	\$	(0.01)	(2)%	\$	0.60
International	\$	0.50	\$	(0.03)	(7)%	\$	0.53	\$	(0.15)	(22)%	\$	0.68
Total	\$	0.54	\$	(0.03)	(6)%	\$	0.57	\$	(0.06)	(9)%	\$	0.62

For the year ended December 31, 2016 compared to the year ended December 31, 2015

North America Direct Revenue grew \$98.6 million, or 17%, in 2016 versus 2015, driven by 22% growth in Average PMC, partially offset by a 5% decline in ARPPU. International Direct Revenue grew \$102.2 million, or 36%, in 2016 versus 2015, driven by 46% growth in Average PMC, partially offset by a 7% decline in ARPPU. Average PMC growth is primarily a result of growth in paying members at Tinder and the 2015 acquisition of PlentyOfFish. ARPPU decreased due to the continued mix shift towards lower ARPPU brands, including Tinder and PlentyOfFish, which have lower price points compared to our more established brands. North America ARPPU decline was partially offset by an increase in mix-adjusted rates.

Non-dating revenue decreased \$6.3 million , or 6% , reflecting fewer in-person SAT test preparation courses and in-person tutoring sessions, partially offset by an increase in online and self-paced services.

For the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to the year ended December 31, 2014

Revenue increased \$132.2 million or 15% in 2015 versus 2014, or 20% excluding the effects of foreign exchange.

See "Match Group, Inc.'s Principles of Financial Reporting" for a discussion and reconciliation of effects of foreign exchange on revenue.

North America Direct Revenue grew \$57.3 million, or 11%, in 2015 versus 2014, driven by 13% growth in Average PMC, partially offset by a 2% decline in ARPPU. Average PMC growth was driven by an increase in the percentage of new users becoming paid members, growth in new users and higher beginning PMC. ARPPU decreased due to mix shifts to lower rate brands, partially offset by an increase in mix-adjusted rates.

International Direct Revenue grew \$9.8 million, or 4%, in 2015 versus 2014, primarily driven by 31% growth in Average PMC, partially offset by a 22% decline in ARPPU. Average PMC growth was driven by an increase in the percentage of new users becoming paid members, growth in new users, and higher beginning PMC. The majority of the decline in ARPPU was due to the effects of foreign exchange. Adjusting for foreign exchange effects, International Direct Revenue grew 21%, and International ARPPU declined 8% as a result of a mix shift to lower rate brands, partially offset by increases in mix-adjusted rates.

Non-dating revenue increased \$58.9 million, or 114%, as a result of the full year contribution from The Princeton Review, which was acquired in August 2014.

#### Cost of revenue (exclusive of depreciation)

Vears	Ended	December	31

		,							
	2016	\$ Change	% Change	2015	\$ Change	% Change	2014		
			(	(Dollars in thousands)					
Cost of revenue	\$233,946	\$55,958	31%	\$177,988	\$57,964	48%	\$120,024		
Percentage of revenue	19%			17%			14%		

For the year ended December 31, 2016 compared to the year ended December 31, 2015

Dating cost of revenue increased \$61.3 million, or 46%, outpacing revenue growth, driven primarily by a significant increase in in-app purchase fees across multiple brands, including Tinder, and the 2015 acquisitions of PlentyOfFish and Eureka.

Non-dating cost of revenue decreased \$5.3 million , or 12% , driven by a mix shift to higher margin online products from in-person courses and a reduction in revenue.

For the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to the year ended December 31, 2014

Dating cost of revenue increased \$39.6 million, or 42%, meaningfully more than the growth in revenue, driven primarily by a significant increase in in-app purchase fees across multiple brands, including Tinder, which started to monetize in earnest in 2015, as well as higher hosting fees driven by growth in users and product features.

Non-dating cost of revenue increased \$18.4 million, or 73%, driven by the acquisition of The Princeton Review, for which cost of revenue represents a meaningfully larger percentage of revenue than in Dating.

#### Selling and marketing expense

Voore	Endod	December 31.	

	2016	\$ Change	% Change	2015	\$ Change	% Change	2014
			(	Dollars in thousands)	-		
Selling and marketing							
expense	\$366,229	\$6,631	2%	\$359,598	\$24,491	7%	\$335,107
Percentage of revenue	30%			35%			38%

For the year ended December 31, 2016 compared to the year ended December 31, 2015

Dating selling and marketing expense increased 6.4 million , or 2% , but declined as a percentage of revenue as the product mix continues to shift towards brands with lower marketing spend.

Non-dating selling and marketing expense increased \$0.3 million , or 2% . Selling and marketing expense at Non-dating generally represents a smaller percentage of revenue than Dating.

For the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to the year ended December 31, 2014

Dating selling and marketing expense increased \$18.1 million, or 6%, driven primarily by the acquisitions of LoveScout24 (formerly known as FriendScout24) in 2014 and Eureka in 2015, and an increase in stock-based compensation expense, partially offset by declines in advertising spend as a percentage of revenue.

Non-dating selling and marketing expense increased \$6.4 million, or 62%, primarily driven by the acquisition of The Princeton Review.

#### General and administrative expense

#### Years Ended December 31,

	2016	\$ Change	% Change	2015	\$ Change	% Change	2014		
			(	(Dollars in thousands)					
General and administrative	e								
expense	\$179,122	\$3,265	2%	\$175,857	\$57,967	49%	\$117,890		
Percentage of revenue	15%			17%			13%		

For the year ended December 31, 2016 compared to the year ended December 31, 2015

Dating general and administrative expense increased \$12.6 million, or 10%, driven primarily by an increase of \$7.5 million in compensation due to increased headcount from both acquisitions and existing business growth, an increase of \$4.0 million in office rent due to growth in the business, and a decrease in income of \$1.9 million in acquisition-related contingent consideration fair value adjustments, partially offset by a \$2.1 million decrease in stock-based compensation expense due primarily to the inclusion in 2015 of a modification charge related to certain equity awards, partially offset by the issuance of new equity awards since the prior year.

Non-dating general and administrative expense decreased \$9.4 million , or 18% , driven primarily by decreases in consulting expenses and non-income tax related items.

For the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to the year ended December 31, 2014

Dating general and administrative expense increased \$33.9 million, or 38%, driven primarily by an increase of \$19.6 million in stock-based compensation expense due to the modification of certain awards in 2015 and the issuance of equity awards since 2014 and an increase of \$3.3 million in costs, including severance, during 2015 related to the consolidation and streamlining of technology systems and European operations. Additionally, 2014 was impacted by a \$3.9 million benefit related to the expiration of the statute of limitations for a non-income tax matter.

Non-dating general and administrative expense increased \$24.1 million, or 82%, driven by the acquisition of The Princeton Review.

### Product development expense

	Years Ended December 31,			
e	2015	\$ Change	% Change	
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	2016	\$ Change	% Change	2015	\$ Change	% Change	2014
			(	(Dollars in thousands)			
Product development							
expense	\$83,065	\$15,717	23%	\$67,348	\$17,610	35%	\$49,738
Percentage of revenue	7%			7%			6%

For the year ended December 31, 2016 compared to the year ended December 31, 2015

Product development expense increased \$15.7 million, or 23%, in 2016 versus 2015, driven primarily by an increase of \$7.6 million in stock-based compensation expense, increased headcount at Tinder, and the 2015 acquisitions of PlentyOfFish and Eureka. The increase in stock-based compensation expense was due primarily to the issuance of new equity awards and a net increase in expense associated with the modification of certain equity awards since the prior year period.

For the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to the year ended December 31, 2014

Product development expense increased \$17.6 million, or 35%, in 2015 versus 2014, driven primarily by increased compensation at existing businesses and from acquisitions at Dating, as well as \$4.0 million in severance expense in 2015, primarily incurred in the first half of 2015, related to the consolidation and streamlining of technology systems and European operations at Dating and an increase of \$3.3 million in stock-based compensation expense due to the modification of certain equity awards and new grants.

## **Depreciation**

### Years Ended December 31,

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	2016	\$ Change	% Change	2015	\$ Change	% Change	2014
			(	Dollars in thousands)			
Depreciation	\$31,227	\$5,244	20%	\$25,983	\$436	2%	\$25,547
Percentage of revenue	3%			3%			3%

For the year ended December 31, 2016 compared to the year ended December 31, 2015

Depreciation increased \$5.2 million, or 20%, in 2016 versus 2015, driven by acquisitions and an increase in computer equipment as we continue to grow and expand our operations at Dating, partially offset by lower depreciation at Non-dating.

For the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to the year ended December 31, 2014

Depreciation increased by \$0.4 million, or 2%, in 2015 versus 2014, primarily driven by the acquisition of The Princeton Review, partially offset by a decline in depreciation at Dating.

## Operating Income and Adjusted EBITDA

Refer to "Note 13—Segment Information" to the consolidated and combined financial statements included in "Item 8—Consolidated Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" for reconciliations of operating income (loss) by reportable segment and net earnings attributable to Match Group, Inc. shareholders to Adjusted EBITDA.

			Ye	ears E	nded December	31,			
	 2016	\$ Change	% Change		2015		\$ Change	% Change	2014
				(Doll	ars in thousands	s)			
Operating income (loss):									
Dating	\$ 315,549	\$ 102,568	48 %	\$	212,981	\$	(40,744)	(16)%	\$ 253,725
Non-dating	(9,641)	9,784	(50)%		(19,425)		5,733	(23)%	(25,158)
Total	\$ 305,908	\$ 112,352	58 %	\$	193,556	\$	(35,011)	(15)%	\$ 228,567
Percentage of revenue	25%				19%				26%
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Adjusted EBITDA:									
Dating	\$ 403,380	\$ 118,826	42 %	\$	284,554	\$	(4,733)	(2)%	\$ 289,287
Non-dating	575	6,462	NM		(5,887)		9,952	(63)%	(15,839)
Total	\$ 403,955	\$ 125,288	45 %	\$	278,667	\$	5,219	2 %	\$ 273,448
Percentage of revenue	33%				27%				31%

NM = not meaningful

For the year ended December 31, 2016 compared to the year ended December 31, 2015

Dating operating income and Adjusted EBITDA increased \$102.6 million, or 48%, and \$118.8 million, or 42%, respectively, as a result of the increase in revenue of \$208.4 million and a decrease in selling and marketing expense as a percentage of revenue resulting from continued mix shifts towards brands with lower marketing spend, partially offset by the increase in cost of revenue. Additionally, costs incurred in 2016 related to the consolidation and streamlining of our technology systems and European operations were \$4.9 million, a decline of \$11.9 million compared to the prior year. Operating income was further impacted by increased depreciation expense of \$7.9 million, which is due to acquisitions and assets being placed in service; higher stock-based compensation expense of \$3.0 million, which is due to the issuance of new equity awards; higher amortization of intangibles of \$3.5 million, which is due to acquisitions that occurred in 2015; and income in the current year of \$9.2 million from acquisition-related contingent consideration fair value adjustments compared to income of \$11.1 million in the prior year.

Non-dating operating loss improved \$9.8 million, or 50%, and Adjusted EBITDA became positive to \$0.6 million, or an improvement of \$6.5 million, primarily due to decreases in consulting expense and non-income tax related items. Operating income in the current year period was further impacted by lower depreciation in 2016.

At December 31, 2016, there was \$90.6 million of unrecognized compensation cost, net of estimated forfeitures, related to all equity-based awards, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 2.7 years.

For the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to the year ended December 31, 2014

Dating operating income and Adjusted EBITDA decreased \$40.7 million, or 16%, and \$4.7 million, or 2%, despite higher revenue, primarily due to \$16.8 million of costs in 2015 across our expense categories related to the consolidation and streamlining of technology systems and European operations, an increase in cost of revenue and a \$3.9 million benefit in 2014 related to the expiration of the statute of limitations for a non-income tax matter. Operating income was further impacted by an increase of \$29.9 million in stock-based compensation expense, which is due to the modification of certain equity awards, the periodic re-assessment of certain performance-based restricted stock units and new grants, and an increase of \$6.0 million in amortization of intangibles related to acquisitions occurring in 2015.

Non-dating operating loss decreased \$5.7 million, or 23%, while Adjusted EBITDA loss declined \$10.0 million, or 63%, primarily due to reduced losses from The Princeton Review. Operating loss was further impacted by increases of \$2.1 million

in depreciation expense and \$2.7 million in amortization expense, which are primarily due to the acquisition of The Princeton Review.

### Interest expense

#### Years Ended December 31.

	2016	\$ Change	% Change	2015	\$ Change	% Change	2014
			(	(Dollars in thousands)	)		
Interest expense—third							
party	\$82,214	\$64,165	356%	\$18,049	\$18,049	NA	<b>\$</b> —
Interest expense—related							
party	<b>\$</b> —	\$(8,009)	NA	\$8,009	\$(17,532)	(69)%	\$25,541

For the year ended December 31, 2016 compared to the year ended December 31, 2015

Interest expense—third party relates to interest on the Term Loan, 2015 Senior Notes, 2016 Senior Notes and the commitment fee on the Company's revolving credit facility. The increase in interest expense—third party is primarily due to the interest on the Term Loan and 2015 Senior Notes commencing in the fourth quarter of 2015 while the interest on the 2016 Senior Notes commenced in the second quarter of 2016, which reduced the amount outstanding on the Term Loan with debt at a higher interest rate.

For the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to the year ended December 31, 2014

Interest expense—third party relates to interest on the Term Loan and 2015 Senior Notes and the commitment fee on the Company's revolving credit facility, the payment of which commenced in the fourth quarter of 2015. Included in third party interest expense is \$7.3 million of debt issuance costs related to the 2015 Senior Notes.

Interest expense—related party includes interest charged by IAC and its subsidiaries on long-term debt, related party, as well as on other acquisitions-related loans, a portion of which was capitalized on June 30, 2014. The long-term debt, related party was settled during the fourth quarter of 2015.

### Other income, net

### Years Ended December 31,

	2016	\$ Change	% Change	2015	\$ Change	% Change	2014
				(Dollars in thousands)			
Other income, net	\$7,892	\$(3,995)	(34)%	\$11,887	\$(723)	(6)%	\$12,610

For the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015, and 2014

Other income, net in 2016 includes \$20.0 million in foreign currency exchange gains due to strengthening of the dollar relative to the British Pound and Euro and a \$3.1 million gain related to the sale of a marketable equity security, partially offset by a non-cash charge of \$12.1 million related to the write-off of a proportionate share of original issue discount and deferred financing costs associated with prepayments of \$440 million of the Term Loan, a \$2.1 million mark-to-market adjustment pertaining to certain subsidiary denominated equity awards issued to non-employees, \$1.5 million repricing fees related to the Term Loan, and a \$0.7 million other-than-temporary impairment charge related to a certain cost method investment as a result of our assessment of the near-term prospects and financial condition of the investee.

Other income, net in 2015 includes \$7.6 million in foreign currency exchange gains related to the €53 million 5.00% Note payable to an IAC subsidiary (this note was settled during the fourth quarter of 2015), \$4.7 million of interest income, and \$2.4 million in foreign currency exchange gains; partially offset by a \$2.7 million mark-to-market adjustment pertaining to certain subsidiary denominated equity awards issued to non-employees.

Other income, net in 2014 includes \$8.3 million in foreign currency exchange gains related to the €53 million 5.00% Note payable to an IAC subsidiary.

# Income tax provision

## Years Ended December 31,

_ _	2016	\$ Change	% Change	2015	\$ Change	% Change	2014
			(	Dollars in thousands)			
Income tax provision	\$59,573	\$675	1%	\$58,898	\$(8,379)	(12)%	\$67,277
Effective income tax rate	26%			33%			31%

For discussion of income taxes, see "Note 3—Income Taxes" to the consolidated and combined financial statements included in "Item 8—Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."

For the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, the Company recorded income tax provisions of \$59.6 million, \$58.9 million, and \$67.3 million, respectively, which represent effective income tax rates of 26%, 33% and 31%, respectively. In 2016, the effective income tax rate was lower than the statutory rate of 35% due primarily to foreign income taxed at lower rates including non-taxable foreign currency exchange gains, and a reduction in deferred tax liabilities for a foreign tax law change. In 2015 and 2014, the effective income tax rates were lower than the statutory rate of 35% due primarily to non-taxable contingent consideration fair value adjustments and non-taxable foreign currency exchange gains, partially offset by state taxes.

### MATCH GROUP, INC.'S PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL REPORTING

Match Group reports Adjusted EBITDA as a supplemental measure to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). This measure is one of the primary metrics by which we evaluate the performance of our businesses, on which our internal budgets are based and by which management is compensated. We believe that investors should have access to, and we are obligated to provide, the same set of tools that we use in analyzing our results. This non-GAAP measure should be considered in addition to results prepared in accordance with GAAP, but should not be considered a substitute for or superior to GAAP results. Match Group endeavors to compensate for the limitations of the non-GAAP measure presented by providing the comparable GAAP measure with equal or greater prominence and descriptions of the reconciling items, including quantifying such items, to derive the non-GAAP measure. We encourage investors to examine the reconciling adjustments between the GAAP and non-GAAP measure, which we discuss below.

# **Definition of Match Group's Non-GAAP Measure**

Adjusted Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization ("Adjusted EBITDA") is defined as operating income excluding: (1) stock-based compensation expense; (2) depreciation; and (3) acquisition-related items consisting of (i) amortization of intangible assets and impairments of goodwill and intangible assets, if applicable, and (ii) gains and losses recognized on changes in the fair value of contingent consideration arrangements. We believe this measure is useful for analysts and investors as this measure allows a more meaningful comparison between our performance and that of our competitors. Moreover, our management uses this measure internally to evaluate the performance of our business as a whole and our individual business segments, and this measure is one of the primary metrics by which our internal budgets are based and by which management is compensated. The above items are excluded from our Adjusted EBITDA measure because these items are non-cash in nature, and we believe that by excluding these items, Adjusted EBITDA corresponds more closely to the cash operating income generated from our business, from which capital investments are made and debt is serviced. Adjusted EBITDA has certain limitations in that it does not take into account the impact to our consolidated and combined statement of operations of certain expenses.

For a reconciliation of operating income (loss) by reportable segment and net earnings attributable to Match Group, Inc. shareholders to Adjusted EBITDA for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, see "Note 13—Segment Information" to the consolidated and combined financial statements included in "Item 8—Consolidated Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."

## Non-Cash Expenses That Are Excluded From Match Group's Non-GAAP Measure

Stock-based compensation expense consists principally of expense associated with the grants of stock options, restricted stock units ("RSUs"), performance-based RSUs and market-based awards. These expenses are not paid in cash, and we include the related shares in our fully diluted shares outstanding using the treasury stock method; however, performance-based RSUs and market-based awards are included only to the extent the applicable performance or market condition(s) has been met (assuming the end of the reporting period is the end of the contingency period). Upon the exercise of certain stock options and vesting of RSUs, performance-based RSUs and market-based awards, the awards are settled, at the Company's discretion, on a net basis, with the Company remitting the required tax-withholding amount from its current funds.

Depreciation is a non-cash expense relating to our property and equipment and is computed using the straight-line method to allocate the cost of depreciable assets to operations over their estimated useful lives or, in the case of leasehold improvements, the lease term, if shorter.

Amortization of intangible assets and impairments of goodwill and intangible assets are non-cash expenses related primarily to acquisitions. At the time of an acquisition, the identifiable definite-lived intangible assets of the acquired company, such as customer lists, trade names, content, technology and franchise rights are valued and amortized over their estimated lives. Value is also assigned to acquired indefinite-lived intangible assets, which comprise trade names and trademarks, and goodwill that are not subject to amortization. An impairment is recorded when the carrying value of an intangible asset or goodwill exceeds its fair value. We believe that intangible assets represent costs incurred by the acquired company to build value prior to acquisition and the related amortization and impairment charges of intangible assets or goodwill, if applicable, are not ongoing costs of doing business.

Gains and losses recognized on changes in the fair value of contingent consideration arrangements are accounting adjustments to report contingent consideration liabilities at fair value. These adjustments can be highly variable and are excluded from our assessment of performance because they are considered non-operational in nature and, therefore, are not indicative of current or future performance or the ongoing cost of doing business.

## Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates on Revenue

The impact of foreign exchange rates on Match Group, due to its global reach, may be an important factor in understanding period over period comparisons if movement in rates is significant. International revenues are favorably impacted as the U.S. dollar weakens relative to other foreign currencies, and unfavorably impacted as the U.S dollar strengthens relative to other foreign currencies. We believe the presentation of revenue excluding foreign exchange, in addition to reported revenue, helps improve the ability to understand Match Group's performance because it excludes the impact of foreign currency volatility that is not indicative of Match Group's core operating results.

Revenue, excluding foreign exchange impact compares results between periods as if exchange rates had remained constant period over period. Revenue, excluding foreign exchange impact is calculated by translating current period revenues using prior period exchange rates. Revenue growth, excluding foreign exchange impact (expressed as a percentage), is calculated by determining the increase in current period revenues over prior period revenues where current period revenues are translated using prior period exchange rates.

This non-GAAP measure should be considered in addition to results reported in accordance with GAAP, but should not be considered a substitute for or superior to GAAP.

The impact of changes in foreign exchange rates during 2016, when compared to foreign exchange rates from the year ended December 31, 2015, was not material to the results for the year ended December 31, 2016. The following table presents the impact of our foreign exchange on total revenue, International Direct Revenue and International ARPPU for the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to the year ended December 31, 2014:

			Years Ended	December 31,	
	2015		\$ Change	% Change	2014
		(I	Dollars in thousar	nds, except ARPPU)	
Revenue, as reported	\$ 1,020,431	\$	132,163	15 %	\$ 888,268
Foreign exchange impact	48,109				
Revenue, excluding foreign exchange impact	\$ 1,068,540	\$	180,272	20 %	\$ 888,268
International Direct Revenue, as reported	\$ 283,351	\$	9,752	4 %	\$ 273,599
Foreign exchange effect	47,080				
International Direct Revenue, excluding foreign exchange impact	\$ 330,431	\$	56,832	21 %	\$ 273,599
International ARPPU, as reported	\$ 0.53	\$	(0.15)	(22)%	\$ 0.68
Foreign exchange effect	0.09				
International ARPPU, excluding foreign exchange impact	\$ 0.62	\$	(0.06)	(9)%	\$ 0.68

## FINANCIAL POSITION, LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

## **Financial Position**

	D	December 31, 2016	1	December 31, 2015
		(In t	housands)	)
Cash and cash equivalents:				
United States (a)	\$	114,035	\$	34,422
All other countries (b)		139,616		53,751
Total cash and cash equivalents		253,651		88,173
Marketable equity security (United States)		_		11,622
Total cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities	\$	253,651	\$	99,795
Long-term debt:				
2016 Senior Notes	\$	400,000	\$	_
2015 Senior Notes		445,172		445,172
Term Loan due November 16, 2022 (c) (d)		350,000		800,000
Total long-term debt		1,195,172		1,245,172
Less: Current maturities of long-term debt		_		40,000
Less: Unamortized original issue discount and original issue premium, net		5,245		11,691
Less: Unamortized debt issuance costs		13,434		16,610
Total long-term debt, net of current maturities	\$	1,176,493	\$	1,176,871

<sup>(</sup>a) Domestically, cash equivalents include \$84.1 million of AAA rated government money market funds at December 31, 2016; the balance reflects cash deposits held in financial institutions.

# Senior Notes:

On June 1, 2016, the Company issued \$400 million aggregate principal amount of 2016 Senior Notes due June 1, 2024.

Promptly following the closing of the Match Exchange Offer on November 16, 2015, the Company and its subsidiaries were designated as unrestricted subsidiaries of IAC for purposes of the indentures governing the IAC 4.875% Senior Notes due November 30, 2018, the IAC Senior Notes and the IAC Credit Facility. Following this designation, neither Match Group nor any of its subsidiaries guaranteed any debt of IAC, or are subject to any of the covenants related to such debt.

The indentures governing the 2016 and 2015 Senior Notes contain covenants that would limit the Company's ability to pay dividends or to make distributions and repurchase or redeem Match Group stock in the event a default has occurred or Match Group's leverage ratio (as defined in the indentures) exceeds 5.0 to 1.0. As of December 31, 2016, Match Group was in compliance with all applicable covenants and was below the 5.0 to 1.0 leverage ratio.

<sup>(</sup>b) Internationally, cash equivalents include \$1.1 million of money market funds at December 31, 2016; the balance reflects cash deposits held in financial institutions. If needed for our U.S. operations, most of the cash and cash equivalents held by the Company's foreign subsidiaries could be repatriated, which, under current tax law, would be subject to U.S. federal and state income taxes. We currently do not anticipate a need to repatriate these funds to finance our U.S. operations and it is our intent to indefinitely reinvest these funds outside of the U.S.; therefore, we have not provided for any U.S. income taxes related to these funds.

<sup>(</sup>c) Proceeds from the 2016 Senior Notes were used to prepay a portion of the Term Loan. In addition, payments of \$10 million and \$40 million were made in March and December 2016, respectively. A final payment of \$350 million is due at maturity.

<sup>(</sup>d) The Term Loan matures on November 16, 2022; provided that, if any of the 2015 Senior Notes remain outstanding on the date that is 91 days prior to the maturity date of the 2015 Senior Notes, the Term Loan maturity date shall be the date that is 91 days prior to the maturity date of the 2015 Senior Notes.

## Term Loan and Credit Facility:

On November 16, 2015, under a credit agreement (the "Credit Agreement"), the Company borrowed \$800 million in the form of a term loan (the "Term Loan"). On March 31, 2016, the Company made a \$10.0 million principal payment on the Term Loan. In addition, on June 1, 2016, the \$400 million in proceeds from the 2016 Senior Notes were used to prepay a portion of the Term Loan and, as a result, quarterly principal payments of \$10.0 million under the Term Loan are no longer due. On December 8, 2016, the Company made an additional \$40 million principal payment on the Term Loan. In addition, the remaining outstanding balance of \$350 million, which is due at maturity, was repriced. The Term Loan provides for additional annual principal payments as part of an excess cash flow sweep provision, the amount of which, if any, is governed by the secured net leverage ratio set forth in the Credit Agreement. The Term Loan bears interest, at our option, at a base rate or LIBOR, plus 2.25% or 3.25%, respectively, and in the case of LIBOR, a floor of 0.75%. The interest rate at December 31, 2016 is 4.20%. Interest payments are due at least semi-annually through the term of the loan.

The Company has a \$500 million revolving credit facility (the "Credit Facility") that expires on October 7, 2020. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, there were no outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility. The annual commitment fee on undrawn funds based on the current leverage ratio is 30 basis points. Borrowings under the Credit Facility bear interest, at the Company's option, at a base rate or LIBOR, in each case plus an applicable margin, which is determined by reference to a pricing grid based on the Company's consolidated net leverage ratio. The terms of the Credit Facility require the Company to maintain a consolidated net leverage ratio of not less than 2.5 to 1.0 (in each case as defined in the Credit Agreement).

There are additional covenants under the Credit Facility and the Term Loan that limit the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries to, among other things, incur indebtedness, pay dividends or make distributions. While the Term Loan remains outstanding, these same covenants under the Credit Agreement are more restrictive than the covenants that are applicable to the Credit Facility. Obligations under the Credit Facility and Term Loan are unconditionally guaranteed by certain Match Group wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries, and are also secured by the stock of certain Match Group domestic and foreign subsidiaries. The Term Loan and outstanding borrowings, if any, under the Credit Facility rank equally with each other, and have priority over the 2016 and 2015 Senior Notes to the extent of the value of the assets securing the borrowings under the Credit Agreement.

## IAC Subordinated Loan Facility:

Prior to the IPO, the Company entered into an uncommitted subordinated loan facility with IAC (the "IAC Subordinated Loan Facility"), which allows the Company to make one or more requests to IAC to borrow funds from it. If IAC agrees to fulfill any such borrowing request from the Company, such borrowing will be incurred in accordance with the terms of the IAC Subordinated Loan Facility. Any indebtedness outstanding under the IAC Subordinated Loan Facility will be by its terms subordinated in right of payment to the obligations under the Credit Facility, the Term Loan and the 2015 and 2016 Senior Notes. The IAC Subordinated Loan Facility has a scheduled final maturity date of no earlier than 90 days after the maturity date of the Credit Facility or the latest maturity date in respect of any Term Loan outstanding under the Credit Agreement. At December 31, 2016, the Company has no indebtedness outstanding under the IAC Subordinated Loan Facility.

### **Cash Flow Information**

In summary, the Company's cash flows are as follows:

	 	Years e	nded December 31	,		
	 2016 2015 2014					
		(I	n thousands)			
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 234,106	\$	209,082	\$	173,615	
Net cash used in investing activities	(31,351)		(648,862)		(140,200)	
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(31,514)		408,219		(20,058)	

### 2016

Net cash provided by operating activities consists of earnings adjusted for stock-based compensation expense, depreciation, amortization of intangibles, deferred income taxes, acquisition-related contingent consideration fair value adjustments, excess tax benefits and the effect of changes from working capital activities. Adjustments to earnings primarily

consist of \$53.0 million of stock-based compensation expense, \$31.2 million of depreciation, \$23.0 million of amortization of intangibles, \$29.7 million in excess tax benefits, \$9.2 million in gains from acquisition-related contingent consideration fair value adjustments and \$4.8 million in other adjustments that consist primarily of a non-cash charge on the prepayment of \$400 million of the Term Loan, partially offset by foreign currency exchange gains on intercompany loans. The increase in cash from changes in working capital primarily consists of an increase in deferred revenue of \$16.6 million, due mainly to growth in membership revenue, and an increase of the income tax payable as accruals exceeded payments, partially offset by a reduction in accounts payable and accrued expenses.

Net cash used in investing activities in 2016 consists primarily of capital expenditures of \$48.9 million that are related to the internal development of software to support our products and services, as well as computer equipment and leasehold improvements as we continue to grow and expand our operations at Dating, partially offset by the proceeds of \$11.7 million from the sale of a marketable security.

Net cash used in financing activities in 2016 mainly relates to the prepayment of \$440.0 million of the Term Loan, of which \$400.0 million was financed by the issuance of the 2016 Senior Notes; partially offset by \$29.7 million of excess tax benefits from stock-based awards.

## 2015

Adjustments to earnings primarily consist of \$50.1 million of stock-based compensation expense, \$26.0 million of depreciation and \$20.1 million of amortization of intangibles, partially offset by deferred income taxes of \$22.5 million and \$11.1 million of acquisition-related contingent consideration fair value adjustments. The increase in changes in working capital consists primarily of an increase in deferred revenue of \$37.8 million and an increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses and other current liabilities of \$31.7 million, partially offset by an increase in accounts receivable of \$29.3 million and an increase in other assets of \$11.3 million. The increase in deferred revenue is primarily due to growth in membership fees in the Dating business and acquisitions. The increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses and other current liabilities is primarily due to increased advertising spending, the timing of advertising payments, and an increase in accrued interest related to the Term Loan and 2015 Senior Notes. The increase in accounts receivable is primarily due to growth in in-app purchases sold through Dating's mobile products. The increase in other assets was primarily due to an increase in prepaid expenses, mainly from growth and the signing of longer-term contracts.

Net cash used in investing activities in 2015 includes acquisitions of \$611.3 million, which includes \$575.0 million for PlentyOfFish, and capital expenditures of \$29.2 million, primarily related to the internal development of software to support our products and services, and computer hardware.

Net cash provided by financing activities in 2015 includes \$788.0 million in borrowings from the Term Loan, \$428.8 million in net proceeds received from the IPO, \$500.0 million in capital contribution from IAC to partially fund the acquisition of PlentyOfFish and excess tax benefits from stock-based awards of \$38.4 million, partially offset by a cash dividend to IAC of \$1.0 billion, the repayment of \$182.5 million in related party debt, net cash transfers of \$86.0 million to IAC related to its centrally managed U.S. treasury management function, \$23.4 million for the repurchase of stock-based awards, \$17.2 million in debt issuance costs related to our Term Loan and revolving credit facility and \$7.0 million of debt issuance costs related to the 2015 Senior Notes.

# 2014

Adjustments to earnings primarily consist of \$25.5 million of depreciation, \$20.9 million of stock-based compensation expense and \$11.4 million of amortization of intangibles, partially offset by \$12.9 million in acquisition-related contingent consideration fair value adjustments, \$9.0 million in other adjustments, net, principally related to an \$8.3 million foreign currency gain on the £53 million note and \$5.9 million of deferred income taxes. The changes from working capital activities primarily consist of an increase in other assets of \$10.6 million and a decrease of \$8.0 million in accounts payable and accrued expenses and other current liabilities, partially offset by an increase in deferred revenue of \$8.6 million. The increase in other assets is due to an increase in prepaid marketing at Dating and an increase in prepaid hosting fees in connection with the growth in users and product features. The decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses and other current liabilities is due to the timing of payments. The increase in deferred revenue is primarily due to the acquisition of The Princeton Review and growth in Dating membership revenue.

Net cash used in investing activities in 2014 includes acquisitions of \$114.1 million, which includes The Princeton Review, and capital expenditures of \$21.8 million, primarily related to the internal development of software to support our products and services.

Net cash used in financing activities in 2014 includes cash transfers of \$108.7 million to IAC, \$33.2 million for the purchase of noncontrolling interests in Tinder and Meetic and a \$7.4 million contingent consideration payment related to the 2013 Twoo acquisition, partially offset by \$111.6 million in proceeds from the issuance of related party debt and \$5.3 million in excess tax benefits from stock-based awards.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The Company's principal sources of liquidity are its cash flows generated from operations as well as cash and cash equivalents. The Company has a \$500 million Credit Facility that expires on October 7, 2020. At December 31, 2016, there were no outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility.

The Company anticipates that it will need to make capital and other expenditures in connection with the development and expansion of its operations. The Company expects that 2017 capital expenditures will be between \$30 million and \$35 million, a decrease from the 2016 capital expenditures primarily due to the completion of our new corporate headquarters and relocation of a data center during 2016.

During the first half of 2017, we expect to receive the cash proceeds from the sale of The Princeton Review.

The Company believes its expected positive cash flows generated from operations together with its existing cash and cash equivalents and available borrowing capacity under the Credit Facility will be sufficient to fund its normal operating requirements, including the payment of withholding taxes on behalf of employees for net-settled subsidiary denominated and Company equity plans, capital expenditures, debt service, investing, and other commitments for the foreseeable future. The Company's liquidity could be negatively affected by a decrease in demand for our products and services.

Awards made under our subsidiary denominated equity plans are settled on a net basis, with the award holder entitled to receive a payment equal to the intrinsic value of the award at exercise less an amount equal to the required cash tax withholding payment. The tax withholding payment is made by the Company in cash on behalf of the employees at the time these awards are exercised. The cash tax withholding payments will vary based on the ultimate number of awards exercised, the intrinsic value of the awards upon exercise and relevant withholding tax rates. We expect a reduction in future corporate income taxes equal to a substantial portion of any such withholding tax payments by virtue of the income tax deduction we will recognize based on the intrinsic value of the awards at exercise. However, there may be some delay in the timing of the realization of the cash benefit of the income tax deduction because, it will be dependent upon the amount and timing of future taxable income and the timing of estimated tax payments. See "Note 12—Stock-based Compensation" to the consolidated and combined financial statements included in "Item 8—Consolidated Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" for additional information about our subsidiary denominated equity plans and the associated potential cash withholding tax requirements associated therewith.

Our indebtedness could limit our ability to: (i) obtain additional financing to fund working capital needs, acquisitions, capital expenditures, debt service or other requirements; and (ii) use operating cash flow to make acquisitions, capital expenditures, invest in other areas, such as developing properties and exploiting business opportunities. IAC owns 82.5% of our outstanding shares of capital stock and has 97.9% of the combined voting power of our outstanding capital stock. As a result of IAC's ability to control the election and removal of our board of directors, IAC effectively has the ability to control our financing activities, including the issuance of additional debt and equity securities, or the incurrence of other indebtedness. While the Company believes we will have the ability to access debt and equity markets if needed, such transactions may require the concurrence of IAC.

### CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND COMMERCIAL COMMITMENTS

			Paym	ents Due by Perio	d		
Contractual Obligations (a)	 Less Than 1 Year	1–3 Years		3–5 Years		More Than 5 Years	Total
				(In thousands)			
Long-term debt (b)	\$ 71,109	\$ 147,514	\$	151,138	\$	1,309,572	\$ 1,679,333
Operating leases (c)	12,066	19,470		13,928		17,941	63,405
Purchase obligation (d)	10,000	10,000		_		_	20,000
Total contractual obligations	\$ 93,175	\$ 176,984	\$	165,066	\$	1,327,513	\$ 1,762,738

- (a) The Company has excluded \$25.9 million in unrecognized tax benefits and related interest from the table above as we are unable to make a reasonably reliable estimate of the period in which these liabilities might be paid. For additional information on income taxes, see "Note 3—Income Taxes" to the consolidated and combined financial statements included in "Item 8—Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."
- (b) Represents contractual amounts due including interest on both fixed and a variable rate instruments. Long-term debt at December 31, 2016 consists of the 2015 and 2016 Senior Notes of \$445 million and \$400 million, respectively, which bear interest at fixed rates, and the Term Loan of \$350 million, which bears interest at a variable rate. The Term Loan bears interest at LIBOR plus 3.25%, or 4.20%, at December 31, 2016. The amount of interest ultimately paid on the Term Loan may differ based on changes in interest rates. For additional information on long-term debt, see "Note 8—Long-Term Debt" to the consolidated and combined financial statements included in "Item 8—Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."
- (e) The Company leases office space, data center facilities and equipment used in connection with its operations under various operating leases, many of which contain escalation clauses. The Company is also committed to pay a portion of the related operating expenses under certain lease agreements. These operating expenses are not included in the table below. For additional information on operating leases, see "Note 14—Commitments" to the consolidated and combined financial statements included in "Item 8—Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."
- (d) The purchase obligation is for a web hosting commitment.

In addition to amounts included in the table above, as of December 31, 2016, we were contingently obligated to pay, in connection with our acquisitions, up to an additional \$ 87.8 million of cash consideration based on the combination of earnings performance and user grow at the businesses acquired. The Company has accrued \$ 19.4 million as of December 31, 2016 for its contingent consideration arrangements.

We also had \$0.1 million of surety bonds outstanding as of December 31, 2016 that could potentially require performance by the Company in the event of demands by third parties or contingent events.

## Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

Other than the items described above, the Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements as of December 31, 2016.

### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

The following disclosure is provided to supplement the descriptions of Match Group's accounting policies contained in "Note 2—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" to the consolidated and combined financial statements included in "Item 8—Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" in regard to significant areas of judgment. Management of the Company is required to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions during the preparation of its consolidated and combined financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. These estimates, judgments and assumptions impact the reported amount of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses and the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Because of the size of the financial statement elements to which they relate, some of our accounting policies and estimates have a more significant impact on our consolidated and combined financial statements than others. What follows is a discussion of some of our more significant accounting policies and estimates.

## **Business Combinations and Contingent Consideration Arrangements**

Acquisitions are an important part of the Company's growth strategy. The Company invested \$2.5 million, \$611.3 million and \$114.1 million in acquisitions in the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The purchase price of each acquisition is attributed to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their fair values at the date of acquisition, including identifiable intangible assets that either arise from a contractual or legal right or are separable from goodwill. The fair value of these intangible assets is based on detailed valuations that use information and assumptions provided by management. The excess purchase price over the net tangible and identifiable intangible assets is recorded as goodwill and is assigned to the reporting unit(s) that is expected to benefit from the combination as of the acquisition date.

In connection with certain business combinations, the Company has entered into contingent consideration arrangements that are determined to be part of the purchase price. Each of these arrangements are recorded at its fair value at the time of the acquisition and reflected at current fair value for each subsequent reporting period thereafter until settled. The contingent consideration arrangements are generally based upon earnings performance and/or operating metrics. The Company determines the fair value of the contingent consideration arrangements by using probability-weighted analyses to determine the amounts of the gross liability, and, if the arrangement is long-term in nature, applying a discount rate that appropriately captures the risk associated with the obligation to determine the net amount reflected in the consolidated and combined financial statements. Determining the fair value of these arrangements is inherently difficult and subjective. Significant changes in forecasted earnings or operating metrics would result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement and can have a material impact on our consolidated and combined financial statements. The changes in the estimated fair value of the contingent consideration arrangements during each reporting period, including the accretion of the discount, if applicable, are recognized in "General and administrative expense" in the accompanying consolidated and combined statement of operations. See "Note 7—Fair Value Measurements and Financial Instruments" to the consolidated and combined financial statements included in "Item 8—Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" for a discussion of contingent consideration arrangements.

# Recoverability of Goodwill and Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets

Goodwill is the Company's largest asset with a carrying value of \$1.3 billion, representing 63% and 68% of the Company's total assets at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Indefinite-lived intangible assets, which consist of the Company's acquired trade names and trademarks, have a carrying value of \$238.4 million and \$243.7 million at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets are assessed annually for impairment as of October 1 or more frequently if an event occurs or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit or the fair value of an indefinite-lived intangible asset below its carrying value. The 2016, 2015 and 2014 annual assessments did not identify any material impairments.

In performing its annual assessment, the Company has the option to qualitatively assess whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value. For the Company's annual goodwill test at October 1, 2016, a qualitative assessment of the Dating reporting unit goodwill was performed, and the Company elected to forgo the option to qualitatively assess the Non-dating reporting unit goodwill and performed a quantitative assessment. Based on the qualitative assessment of the Dating reporting unit as of October 1, 2016, the Company concluded that it is more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds its carrying value.

The primary factors that the Company considered in its qualitative assessment of the Dating reporting unit were market, industry, and cost and operating factors, including the continued growth of the Dating reporting unit and the strength of various financial performance metrics. As of October 1, 2016, the fair value of the Non-dating reporting unit exceeds its carrying value by more than 10%.

When the Company elects to perform a qualitative assessment and concludes it is not more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying value, no further assessment of that reporting unit's goodwill is necessary; otherwise, goodwill must be tested for impairment using the two-step process described below.

The first step involves a comparison of the estimated fair value of each of the Company's reporting units to its carrying value, including goodwill. The fair value of the Company's reporting units is determined using both an income approach based on discounted cash flows ("DCF") and a market approach when it tests goodwill for impairment, either on an interim basis or annual basis as of October 1 each year. Determining fair value using a DCF analysis requires the exercise of significant judgment with respect to several items, including the amount and timing of expected future cash flows and appropriate discount rates. The expected cash flows used in the DCF analyses are based on the Company's most recent forecast and budget and, for years beyond the budget, the Company's estimates, which are based, in part, on forecasted growth rates. The discount rates used in the DCF analyses are intended to reflect the risks inherent in the expected future cash flows of the respective reporting units. Assumptions used in the DCF analyses, including the discount rate, are assessed based on the reporting units' current results and forecasted future performance, as well as macroeconomic and industry specific factors. The discount rate used to determine the fair value of the Company's Non-dating reporting unit was 15% in 2016 and 14% in 2015. The discount rate used to determine the fair value of the Company's Dating reporting unit was 12% in 2015. Determining fair value using a market approach considers multiples of financial metrics based on both acquisitions and trading multiples of a selected peer group of companies. From the comparable companies, a representative market multiple is determined which is applied to financial metrics to estimate the fair value of a reporting unit. To determine a peer group of companies for our respective reporting units, we considered companies relevant in terms of consumer use, monetization model, margin and growth characteristics, and brand strength operating in their respective sectors. While

If the estimated fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying value, goodwill of the reporting unit is not impaired and the second step of the impairment test is not necessary. If the carrying value of a reporting unit exceeds its estimated fair value, then the second step of the goodwill impairment test must be performed. The second step of the goodwill impairment test compares the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill with its carrying value to measure the amount of impairment, if any. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined in the same manner as the amount of goodwill recognized in a business combination. In other words, the estimated fair value of the reporting unit is allocated to all of the assets and liabilities of that unit (including any unrecognized intangible assets) as if the reporting unit had been acquired in a business combination and the fair value of the reporting unit was the purchase price paid. If the carrying value of the reporting unit's goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of that goodwill, an impairment is recognized in an amount equal to that excess.

The Company has adopted the provisions of Accounting Standards Update No. 2017-04, Intangibles — Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment, effective January 1, 2017. Therefore, any goodwill impairment charge that might result in the future would be determined based solely upon the excess of the carrying value of the reporting unit over its fair value. The second step of the impairment analysis that is described above will no longer be performed.

While the Company has the option to qualitatively assess whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of its indefinite-lived intangible asset are less than its carrying value, the Company's policy is to determine the fair value of each of its indefinite-lived intangible assets annually as of October 1. The Company determines the fair value of indefinite-lived intangible assets using an avoided royalty DCF valuation analysis. Significant judgments inherent in this analysis include the selection of appropriate royalty and discount rates and estimating the amount and timing of expected future cash flows. The discount rates used in the DCF analyses are intended to reflect the risks inherent in the expected future cash flows generated by the respective intangible assets. The royalty rates used in the DCF analyses are based upon an estimate of the royalty rates that a market participant would pay to license the Company's trade names and trademarks. Assumptions used in the avoided royalty DCF analyses, including the discount rate and royalty rate, are assessed annually based on the actual and projected cash flows related to the asset, as well as macroeconomic and industry specific factors. The discount rates used in the Company's annual indefinite-lived impairment assessment ranged from 11% to 26% in 2016 and 11% to 16% in 2015, and the royalty rates used ranged from 1% to 7% in 2016 and 3% to 7% in 2015.

## Recoverability and Estimated Useful Lives of Long-Lived Assets

We review the carrying value of all long-lived assets, comprising property and equipment, including leasehold improvements, and definite-lived intangible assets, for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. The carrying value of a long-lived asset is not recoverable if it exceeds the sum of the undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of the asset. If the carrying value is deemed not to be recoverable, an impairment loss is recorded equal to the amount by which the carrying value of the long-lived asset exceeds its fair value. In addition, the Company reviews the useful lives of its long-lived assets whenever

events or changes in circumstances indicate that these lives may be changed. The carrying value of property and equipment and definite-lived intangible assets is \$80.5 million and \$80.8 million, at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

### **Income Taxes**

The Company accounts for income taxes under the liability method, and deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying values of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. A valuation allowance is provided on deferred tax assets if it is determined that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax asset will not be realized. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the balance of deferred tax liabilities, net, is \$14.3 million and \$23.2 million, respectively.

We recognize liabilities for uncertain tax positions based on the two-step process. The first step is to evaluate the tax position for recognition by determining if the weight of available evidence indicates it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained on audit, including resolution of related appeals or litigation processes, if any. The second step is to measure the tax benefit as the largest amount which is more than 50% likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement. This measurement step is inherently difficult and requires subjective estimations of such amounts to determine the probability of various possible outcomes. We consider many factors when evaluating and estimating our tax positions and tax benefits, which may require periodic adjustments and which may not accurately anticipate actual outcomes. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Company has unrecognized tax benefits of \$27.4 million and \$26.2 million, including interest, respectively. Changes to reserves from period to period and differences between amounts paid, if any, upon resolution of issues raised in audits and amounts previously provided may be material. Differences between the reserves for income tax contingencies and the amounts owed by the Company are recorded in the period they become known.

The ultimate amount of deferred income tax assets realized and the amounts paid for deferred income tax liabilities and uncertain tax positions may vary from our estimates due to future changes in income tax law, state income tax apportionment or the outcome of any review of our tax returns by the various tax authorities, as well as actual operating results of the Company that vary significantly from anticipated results.

No income taxes have been provided on indefinitely reinvested earnings of certain foreign subsidiaries aggregating \$312.4 million at December 31, 2016. The estimated amount of the unrecognized deferred income tax liability with respect to such earnings would be \$54.4 million.

## **Stock-Based Compensation**

Stock-based compensation expense reflected in our consolidated and combined statement of operations consists of expense related to the Company's stock options and RSUs, performance-based options and PSUs for which vesting is considered probable, equity instruments denominated in shares of subsidiaries, and IAC denominated stock options, RSUs and market-based awards held by Match Group employees.

The Company recorded stock-based compensation expense of \$53.0 million, \$50.1 million and \$20.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The Company estimated the fair value of stock options issued in 2016, 2015 and 2014 using a Black-Scholes option pricing model and, for those with a market condition, a lattice model. For stock options, including subsidiary denominated equity, the value of the stock option is measured at the grant date at fair value and expensed over the vesting term. The impact on stock-based compensation expense for the year ended December 31, 2016, assuming a 1% increase in the risk-free interest rate, a 10% increase in the volatility factor and a one-year increase in the weighted average expected term of the outstanding options would be an increase of \$1.7 million, \$6.9 million and \$3.5 million, respectively. The Company also issues RSUs. For RSUs issued, the value of the instrument is measured at the grant date as the fair value of Match Group common stock and expensed as stock-based compensation expense over the vesting term.

Prior to the IPO, the equity awards that relate to the Company's common stock or the common stock of certain of our subsidiaries were settleable in shares of IAC common stock having a value equal to the difference between the exercise price and the fair market value of our common stock or that of the relevant subsidiary at the date of exercise. Upon completion of the IPO, the options that relate to the Company's common stock have been adjusted in accordance with their terms to provide that the awards are exercisable for shares of our common stock, and the equity awards that relate to these subsidiaries provide that the awards are settleable, at IAC's election, in shares of IAC common stock or in shares of the Company's common stock. To the extent shares of IAC common stock are issued in settlement of these awards, the Company will reimburse IAC for the cost of those shares by issuing to IAC shares of our common stock. Therefore, the number of shares issued by the Company to settle these awards will be the same whether issued to IAC as reimbursement or directly to equity award holders.

The aggregate number of Match Group common shares that would have been required to settle these interests at estimated fair values on December 31, 2016, including vested and unvested interests (without giving effect to the withholding of shares to cover withholding taxes), is 19.2 million shares. The comparable amount at December 31, 2015 is 18.2 million shares. Giving effect to withholding taxes, which will be paid by the Company on behalf of the employees at exercise, the aggregate number

of shares and cash that would be required to settle the vested and unvested interests at estimated fair values on December 31, 2016 is 9.6 million shares and \$164.6 million, respectively, assuming a 50% withholding rate; the comparable amounts at December 31, 2015 are 9.1 million shares and \$123.2 million, respectively. The number of shares ultimately needed to settle these awards may vary significantly from the estimated number as a result both of movements in our stock price and a determination of fair value of the relevant subsidiary that is different than our estimate. See "Note 12—Stock-based Compensation" to the consolidated and combined financial statements included in "Item 8—Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" for sensitivity around these assumptions.

## **Long-term Investments**

At December 31, 2016 the Company has four cost method investments. The Company evaluates each cost method investment for indicators of impairment on a quarterly basis, and recognizes an impairment loss if the decline in value is deemed to be other-than-temporary. Future events may result in reconsideration of the nature of losses as other-than-temporary and market and other factors may cause the value of our investments to decline.

The Company employs a methodology that considers available evidence in evaluating potential other-than-temporary impairments of its investments. Investments are considered to be impaired when a decline in fair value below the cost basis is determined to be other-than-temporary. Such impairment evaluations include, but are not limited to: the length of time and extent to which fair value has been less than the cost basis, the current business environment, including competition; going concern considerations such as financial condition, the rate at which the investee utilizes cash and the investee's ability to obtain additional financing to achieve its business plan; the need for changes to the investee's existing business model due to changing business and regulatory environments and its ability to successfully implement necessary changes; and comparable valuations.

## **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

For a discussion of recent accounting pronouncements, see "Note 2—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" to the consolidated and combined financial statements included in "Item 8—Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."

### Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

The Company's exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relates primarily to the Company's long-term debt, including current maturities.

At December 31, 2016, the Company's outstanding debt was \$1.2 billion, which consists of a \$350 million Term Loan, which bears interest at a variable rate, and \$845.2 million of Senior Notes, which bears interest at fixed rates. If market rates decline, the Company runs the risk that the related required payments on the fixed rate debt will exceed those based on market rates. A 100 basis point increase or decrease in the level of interest rates would, respectively, decrease or increase the fair value of the fixed-rate debt by \$45.3 million. Such potential increase or decrease in fair value is based on certain simplifying assumptions, including a constant level and rate of fixed-rate debt for all maturities and an immediate across-the-board increase or decrease in the level of interest rates with no other subsequent changes for the remainder of the period. The Term Loan bears interest at LIBOR plus 3.25%. As of December 31, 2016, the rate in effect was 4.20%. If LIBOR were to increase by 100 basis points, then the annual interest expense and payments on the Term Loan would increase by \$3.5 million. If LIBOR were to decrease by 100 basis points, the effective interest rate would decrease by 20 basis points to the LIBOR floor of 0.75% and the annual interest expense and payments in the current year would decrease by \$0.7 million.

# Foreign Currency Exchange Risk

The Company conducts business in certain foreign markets, primarily in the European Union, and is exposed to foreign exchange risk for both the Euro and British Pound ("GBP").

For the year ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, international revenue accounted for 37% and 32%, respectively, of consolidated revenue. Our primary exposure to foreign currency exchange risk relates to investments in foreign subsidiaries that transact business in a functional currency other than the U.S. Dollar, primarily the Euro. As foreign currency exchange rates change, translation of the statements of operations of our international businesses into U.S. dollars affects year-over-year comparability of operating results. The average Euro versus the U.S. Dollar exchange rate was essentially flat in 2016 compared to 2015.

Foreign currency exchange gains and losses included in the Company's earnings for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 are gains of \$20.0 million, \$9.9 million and \$10.9 million, respectively. Historically foreign currency exchange gains and losses have not been material to the Company. However, the significant decline in the GBP due to the Brexit vote, on June 23, 2016, generated significant foreign currency exchange gains during 2016. This gain, which totaled \$15.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2016, related to a U.S. dollar denominated intercompany loan related to a recent acquisition in which the receivable is held by a foreign subsidiary with a GBP functional currency.

If the GBP had declined 10% further versus the U.S. dollar during the year ended December 31, 2016, the gain would have been greater by \$1.7 million and if the GBP had declined 10% less versus the U.S. dollar the gain would have been reduced by \$1.4 million.

Historically, the Company has not hedged foreign currency exposures. Our continued international expansion increases our exposure to exchange rate fluctuations and as a result such fluctuations could have a significant impact on our future results of operations.

## Item 8. Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Shareholders of Match Group, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Match Group, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related consolidated and combined statements of operations, comprehensive operations, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2016. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15(a). These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Match Group, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the consolidated and combined results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2016, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated and combined financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Match Group, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016, based on criteria established in the Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) and our report dated February 28, 2017 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

New York, New York February 28, 2017

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	December 31,				
		2016		2015	
		(In thousands, e	xcept s	hare data)	
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	253,651	\$	88,173	
Marketable securities		_		11,622	
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$930 and \$1,739, respectively		72,530		65,851	
Other current assets		43,465		39,049	
Total current assets		369,646		204,695	
Property and equipment, net		69,728		48,067	
Goodwill		1,280,843		1,292,775	
Intangible assets, net		249,170		276,408	
Long-term investments		55,355		55,569	
Other non-current assets		23,936		31,878	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	2,048,678	\$	1,909,392	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	-				
LIABILITIES					
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$	_	\$	40,000	
Accounts payable		10,824		25,767	
Deferred revenue		184,010		169,321	
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		117,491		118,556	
Total current liabilities		312,325		353,644	
Long-term debt, net of current maturities		1,176,493		1,176,871	
Income taxes payable		9,126		9,670	
Deferred income taxes		25,339		34,947	
Other long-term liabilities		22,811		49,542	
Redeemable noncontrolling interests		6,062		5,907	
Commitments and contingencies					
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Common stock, \$0.001 par value, authorized 1,500,000,000 shares; 45,797,402 and 38,343,333 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively		46		38	
Class B convertible common stock; \$0.001 par value; authorized 1,500,000,000 shares; 209,919,402 shares issued and outstanding		210		210	
Class C common stock; \$0.001 par value; authorized 1,500,000,000 shares; no shares issued and outstanding		_		_	
Preferred stock; \$0.001 par value; authorized 500,000,000 shares; no shares issued and outstanding		_		_	
Additional paid-in capital		490,587		404,771	
Retained earnings		182,063		10,612	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(176,384)		(136,820	
Total Match Group, Inc. shareholders' equity		496,522		278,811	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$	2,048,678	\$	1,909,392	

The accompanying Notes to Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

# CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	Years Ended December 31,							
	2016			2015		2014		
		(In th	s, except per share	r share data)				
Revenue	\$	1,222,526	\$	1,020,431	\$	888,268		
Operating costs and expenses:								
Cost of revenue (exclusive of depreciation shown separately below)		233,946		177,988		120,024		
Selling and marketing expense		366,229		359,598		335,107		
General and administrative expense		179,122		175,857		117,890		
Product development expense		83,065		67,348		49,738		
Depreciation		31,227		25,983		25,547		
Amortization of intangibles		23,029		20,101		11,395		
Total operating costs and expenses		916,618		826,875		659,701		
Operating income		305,908		193,556		228,567		
Interest expense—third party		(82,214)		(18,049)		_		
Interest expense—related party		_		(8,009)		(25,541)		
Other income, net		7,892		11,887		12,610		
Earnings before income taxes		231,586		179,385		215,636		
Income tax provision		(59,573)		(58,898)		(67,277)		
Net earnings		172,013		120,487		148,359		
Net earnings attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests		(562)		(104)		(595)		
Net earnings attributable to Match Group, Inc. shareholders	\$	171,451	\$	120,383	\$	147,764		
Net earnings per share attributable to Match Group, Inc. shareholders:								
Basic	\$	0.68	\$	0.69	\$	0.92		
Diluted	\$	0.64	\$	0.65	\$	0.88		
Stock-based compensation expense by function:								
Cost of revenue	\$	1,447	\$	490	\$	396		
Selling and marketing expense		3,467		6,787		194		
General and administrative expense		34,188		36,530		17,326		
Product development expense		13,886		6,276		2,935		
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$	52,988	\$	50,083	\$	20,851		

The accompanying Notes to Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

# CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONS

	Years Ended December 31,							
		2016	2015			2014		
			(I	n thousands)				
Net earnings	\$	172,013	\$	120,487	\$	148,359		
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax								
Change in foreign currency translation adjustment (a)		(36,239)		(63,223)		(60,101)		
Change in fair value of available-for-sale securities (b)		(2,964)		4,212		(1,950)		
Total other comprehensive loss		(39,203)		(59,011)		(62,051)		
Comprehensive income		132,810		61,476		86,308		
Comprehensive (income) loss attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests		(923)		135		(204)		
Comprehensive income attributable to Match Group, Inc. shareholders	\$	131,887	\$	61,611	\$	86,104		

<sup>(</sup>a) The year ended December 31, 2015 includes amounts reclassified out of other comprehensive income into earnings. See "Note 10 - Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss" for additional information.

The accompanying Notes to Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

<sup>(</sup>b) The year ended December 31, 2016 includes unrealized gains reclassified out of other comprehensive income into earnings in "Other income, net." See "Note 6—Marketable Securities and Long-Term Investments" and "Note 10 - Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss" for additional information.

# CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED STATEMENT OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Years Ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014

Match Group	Inc S	Shareholders'	Equity or	Invested Capital

			Common Sto \$0.001 Par Valu	0.001 Common Stock \$0.001 Value Par Value									
	Redeemable Noncontrolling Interests	s	Shares	Shares (Pro forma)	<u> </u>	Shares	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Invested Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Match Group Inc. Invested Capital or Shareholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Invested Capital or Shareholders' Equity
Balance as of December 31, 2013	\$ 24,248	s –	_	160,595	s –	_	\$ —	s –	\$ 851,749	\$ (16,388)	\$ 835,361	\$ 41,665	\$ 877,026
Net earnings	595	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	147,764	_	147,764	_	147,764
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax	(494)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(61,660)	(61,660)	103	(61,557)
Purchase of redeemable noncontrolling interests	(41,743)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Purchase of noncontrolling interests Adjustment of redeemable noncontrolling interests and noncontrolling interests to fair	_	_	-	_	-	-	_	-	_	_	_	(50,662)	(50,662)
value Net decrease in IAC's investment in	21,072	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(30,441)	_	(30,441)	9,369	(21,072)
Match Group, Inc.	_	_	-	535	_	_	_	_	(91,437)	_	(91,437)	_	(91,437)
Other												(286)	(286)
Balance as of December 31, 2014	3,678	_	_	161,130	_	_	_	_	877,635	(78,048)	799,587	189	799,776
Net earnings	104	_	_	_	_	_	_	35,593	84,790	_	120,383	_	120,383
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax		_	_	=	_	_	_	_	_	(58,772)	(58,772)	_	(58,772)
Stock-based compensation expense Purchase of redeemable noncontrolling interests	5,067	_	_	_	_	_	15,802	_	22,974		38,776	_	38,776
Transfer from noncontrolling interests to redeemable noncontrolling interests	189	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(189)	(189)
Net (decrease) increase in IAC's investment in Match Group, Inc.	_	_	_	12,678	_	_	(17,119)	_	105,970	_	88,851	_	88,851
Capital contribution from IAC to partially fund the acquisition of PlentyOfFish	_	_	_	_	36	36,111	344,964	_	_	_	345,000	_	345,000
Capitalization as a result of IPO	_	_	_	(173,808)	174	173,808	1,091,172	_	(1,091,346)	_	_	_	_
Dividend to IAC	_	_	_	_	_	_	(1,442,787)	(24,981)	_	_	(1,467,768)	_	(1,467,768)
Issuance of common stock in connection with IPO	_	38	38,333	_	_	_	428,245	_	_	_	428,283	_	428,283
Issuance of common stock pursuant to stock-based awards, net of withholding taxes	-	_	10	-	-	-	104	-	-	-	104	-	104
Repurchase of stock-based awards	_	_	_	_	_	_	(23,431)	_	_	_	(23,431)	_	(23,431)
Income tax benefit related to stock- based awards	-	_	_	_	_	_	7,821	-	-	_	7,821	_	7,821
Other	(28)								(23)		(23)		(23)
Balance as of December 31, 2015	5,907	38	38,343	_	210	209,919	404,771	10,612	_	(136,820)	278,811	_	278,811
Net earnings	562	_	_	_	_	_	_	171,451	_	_	171,451	_	171,451
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	361	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(39,564)	(39,564)	_	(39,564)
Stock-based compensation expense Issuance of common stock pursuant	_	_	_	_	_	_	44,524	_	_	_	44,524	_	44,524
to stock-based awards, net of withholding taxes Issuance of common stock to IAC	_	7	6,495	_	_	_	10,224	_	_	_	10,231	_	10,231
pursuant to the employee matters agreement  Income tax benefit related to stock-	_	1	959	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1	_	1
based awards	_	_	_	_	_	_	27,407		_	_	27,407	_	27,407
Purchase of redeemable noncontrolling interests	(1,129)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Adjustment of redeemable noncontrolling interests to fair value	361	_	_	_	_	_	(361)	_	_	_	(361)	_	(361)
Other							4,022				4,022		4,022
Balance as of December 31, 2016	\$ 6,062	\$ 46	\$ 45,797	<u> </u>	\$ 210	\$ 209,919	\$ 490,587	\$ 182,063	<u>\$</u>	\$ (176,384)	\$ 496,522	<u> </u>	\$ 496,522

<sup>(</sup>a) Common stock prior to the IPO was presented as a component of Invested Capital as the financial statements were prepared on a combined basis. Pro forma common stock is being presented for informational purposes.

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Years Ended December 31,				
16 2015	2014			
(In thousands)				
172,013 \$ 120,487	\$ 148,359			
52,988 50,083	20,851			
31,227 25,983	25,547			
23,029 20,101	11,395			
(29,680) (38,384	(5,319			
(8,195) (22,530	) (5,904			
(9,197) (11,056	(12,912			
(4,798) (882	(9,016			
(6,638) (29,344	2,399			
(2,393) (11,281	(10,551			
(24,862) 31,716	(7,980			
23,997 36,377	8,103			
16,615 37,812	8,643			
234,106 209,082	173,615			
(2,533) (611,324	(114,051			
(48,903) (29,156	` `			
11,716 —	_			
(500)	(4,536			
8,869 (8,382				
(31,351) (648,862	<del>-</del>			
(0.10,000)				
<b>—</b> 788,000	_			
400,000 —	_			
(450,000) —				
(7,811) (17,174	_			
— (6,954				
— 428,789	<u></u>			
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9,548	111,360			
•	5 210			
29,680 38,384	•			
(1,129) (2,864				
— (23,431				
— (5,510				
(11,802) —	12,298			
(31,514) 408,219	(20,058			
(5,763) (7,896				
165,478 (39,457				
<del></del>	\$ 125,226 \$ 127,630			
88,173 253,651	127,630 \$ 88,173			

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 1—ORGANIZATION

Match Group, Inc. is the world's leading provider of dating products. We operate a portfolio of over 45 brands, including Match, Tinder, PlentyOfFish, Meetic, OkCupid, Pairs, Twoo, OurTime, BlackPeopleMeet and LoveScout24 (formerly known as FriendScout24), each designed to increase our users' likelihood of finding a romantic connection. Through our portfolio of trusted brands, we provide tailored products to meet the varying preferences of our users. We currently offer our dating products in 42 languages across more than 190 countries. Match Group operates in two segments: Dating and Non-dating.

Through the brands within our Dating business, we are a leading provider of membership-based and ad-supported dating products servicing North America, Western Europe and many other regions around the world. We provide these services through websites and applications that we own and operate. The Non-dating business consists of The Princeton Review, which provides a variety of educational test preparation, academic tutoring and college counseling services. In January 2017, we entered into a definitive agreement to sell The Princeton Review to ST Unitas, a global education technology company. The transaction is expected to close in the first half of 2017.

On November 24, 2015, the Company completed its initial public offering ("IPO") of 38.3 million shares of its common stock at a price of \$12.00 per share for proceeds, net of fees and expenses, of \$428.3 million . As of December 31, 2016, IAC/InterActiveCorp's ("IAC") ownership interest and voting interest in Match Group were 82.5% and 97.9%, respectively.

All references to "Match Group," the "Company," "we," "our," or "us" in this report are to Match Group, Inc.

## NOTE 2—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Basis of Presentation and Consolidation**

The Company prepares its consolidated and combined financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The Company's financial statements were prepared on a consolidated basis beginning October 1, 2015 and on a combined basis for periods prior thereto. The difference in presentation is due to the fact that the final steps of the legal reorganization of the entities included in Match Group at the time of the IPO were not completed until October 1, 2015. The preparation of financial statements on a combined basis for periods prior thereto allows for the financial statements to be presented on a consistent basis for all periods presented. The combined financial statements reflect the historical financial position, results of operations and cash flows of Match Group's businesses since their respective dates of acquisition by IAC. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company, all entities that are wholly-owned by the Company and all entities in which the Company has a controlling financial interest.

The consolidated and combined financial statements through the date of the IPO reflect the allocation to Match Group of certain IAC corporate expenses relating to Match Group based on the historical financial statements and accounting records of IAC. Management believes the assumptions underlying the historical consolidated and combined financial statements, including the basis on which expenses have been allocated from IAC, are reasonable and that these consolidated and combined financial statements reflect all adjustments, consisting of normal and recurring adjustments necessary for the fair presentation of our financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the years presented.

For the purposes of these consolidated and combined financial statements, income taxes have been computed for Match Group on an as if stand-alone, separate tax return basis.

All intercompany transactions and balances between and among the Company, its subsidiaries and the entities comprising Match Group have been eliminated.

# **Accounting for Investments**

Investments in common stock or in-substance common stock of entities in which the Company does not have the ability to exercise significant influence over the operating and financial matters of the investee are accounted for using the cost method. Investments in companies that the Company does not control, which are not in the form of common stock or in-substance common stock, are also accounted for using the cost method. The Company evaluates each cost method investment for impairment on a quarterly basis and recognizes an impairment loss if a decline in value is determined to be other-than-

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

temporary. Such impairment evaluations include, but are not limited to: the current business environment, including competition; going concern considerations such as financial condition, the rate at which the investee utilizes cash and the investee's ability to obtain additional financing to achieve its business plan; the need for changes to the investee's existing business model due to changing business and regulatory environments and its ability to successfully implement necessary changes; and comparable valuations. If the Company has not identified events or changes in circumstances that may have a significant adverse effect on the fair value of a cost method investment, then the fair value of such cost method investment is not estimated, as it is impracticable to do so.

### **Accounting Estimates**

Management of the Company is required to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions during the preparation of its consolidated and combined financial statements in accordance with GAAP. These estimates, judgments and assumptions impact the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses and the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

On an ongoing basis, the Company evaluates its estimates and judgments including those related to: the recoverability of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets; the useful lives and recoverability of definite-lived intangible assets and property and equipment; the fair value of long-term investments; the carrying value of accounts receivable, including the determination of the allowance for doubtful accounts; the determination of revenue reserves; the fair value of acquisition-related contingent consideration arrangements; the liabilities for uncertain tax positions; the valuation allowance for deferred income tax assets; and the fair value of and forfeiture rates for stock-based awards, among others. The Company bases its estimates and judgments on historical experience, its forecasts and budgets and other factors that the Company considers relevant.

## **Revenue Recognition**

The Company's Dating revenue is primarily derived directly from users in the form of recurring membership fees.

Membership revenue is presented net of credits and credit card chargebacks. Members pay in advance, primarily by using a credit card or through mobile app stores, and, subject to certain conditions identified in our terms and conditions, all purchases are final and nonrefundable. Fees collected, or contractually due, in advance for memberships are deferred and recognized as revenue using the straight-line method over the terms of the applicable membership period, which primarily range from one to six months, and corresponding mobile app store fees incurred on such transactions, if any, are deferred and expensed over the same period. Deferred revenue at the Dating business is \$161.1 million and \$144.4 million at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The Company also earns revenue from online advertising, the purchase of à la carte features and offline events. Online advertising revenue is recognized every time an ad is displayed. Revenue from the purchase of à la carte features is recognized based on usage. Revenue and the related expenses associated with offline events are recognized when each event occurs.

Non-dating revenue consists primarily of fees received directly from students for in-person and online test preparation classes, access to online test preparation materials and individual tutoring services. Fees from classes and access to online materials are recognized over the period of the course and the period of the online access, respectively. Tutoring fees are recognized based on usage. Deferred revenue at the Non–dating business is \$23.3 million and \$25.7 million at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

## **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and short-term investments, with maturities of less than 91 days from the date of purchase. Domestically, cash equivalents include AAA rated government money market funds. Internationally, cash equivalents include money market funds.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## **Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable are stated at amounts due from customers, net of an allowance for doubtful accounts and revenue reserves. Accounts receivable outstanding longer than the contractual payment terms are considered past due. The Company determines its allowance by considering a number of factors, including the length of time accounts receivable are past due, the Company's previous loss history, the specific customer's ability to pay its obligation to the Company and the condition of the general economy and the customer's industry. The Company writes off accounts receivable when they become uncollectible. The Company also maintains allowances to reserve for potential credits issued to customers or other revenue adjustments. The amounts of these reserves are based, in part, on historical experience.

# **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment, including significant improvements, are recorded at cost. Repairs and maintenance costs are expensed as incurred. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets or, in the case of leasehold improvements, the lease term, if shorter.

Asset Category	Estimated Useful Lives
Computer equipment and capitalized software	2 to 3 years
Furniture and other equipment	3 to 10 years
Leasehold improvements	3 to 10 years

The Company capitalizes certain internal use software costs including external direct costs utilized in developing or obtaining the software and compensation for personnel directly associated with the development of the software. Capitalization of such costs begins when the preliminary project stage is complete and ceases when the project is substantially complete and ready for its intended purpose. The net book value of capitalized internal use software was \$29.3 million and \$20.7 million at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

### **Business Combinations**

The purchase price of each acquisition is attributed to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their fair values at the date of acquisition, including identifiable intangible assets that either arise from a contractual or legal right or are separable from goodwill. The fair value of these intangible assets is based on detailed valuations that use information and assumptions provided by management. The excess purchase price over the net tangible and identifiable intangible assets is recorded as goodwill and is assigned to the reporting unit(s) that is expected to benefit from the combination as of the acquisition date.

In connection with certain business combinations, the Company has entered into contingent consideration arrangements that are determined to be part of the purchase price. Each of these arrangements are initially recorded at its fair value at the time of the acquisition and reflected at current fair value for each subsequent reporting period thereafter until settled. The contingent consideration arrangements are generally based upon earnings performance and/or operating metrics. The Company determines the fair value of the contingent consideration arrangements using probability-weighted analyses to determine the amounts of the gross liability, and, if the arrangement is long-term in nature, applying a discount rate that appropriately captures the risk associated with the obligation to determine the net amount reflected in the consolidated and combined financial statements. Determining the fair value of these arrangements is inherently difficult and subjective. Significant changes in forecasted earnings or operating metrics would result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement and can have a material impact on our consolidated and combined financial statements. The changes in the estimated fair value of the contingent consideration arrangements during each reporting period, including the accretion of the discount, if applicable, are recognized in "General and administrative expense" in the accompanying consolidated and combined statement of operations. See "Note 7—Fair Value Measurements and Financial Instruments" for a discussion of contingent consideration arrangements.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# Goodwill and Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets

Goodwill acquired in a business combination is assigned to the reporting unit(s) that is expected to benefit from the combination as of the acquisition date. The Company assesses goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment annually as of October 1, or, more frequently, if an event occurs or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit or the fair value of an indefinite-lived intangible asset below its carrying value. The 2016, 2015 and 2014 annual assessments identified no material impairments. For all periods presented, the Company has two reporting units: Dating and Non-dating.

In performing its annual assessment, the Company has the option to qualitatively assess whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value. When the Company elects to perform a qualitative assessment and concludes it is not more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying value, no further assessment of that reporting unit's goodwill is necessary; otherwise a quantitative assessment is performed and the fair value of the reporting unit is determined. If the carrying value of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill is calculated (in the same manner as a business combination) and an impairment loss equal to the excess is recorded. When the Company evaluates the potential for goodwill impairment using a qualitative assessment it considers factors including, but not limited to, the fair values of recent valuations, changes in the reporting unit's financial performance, forecasts, key personnel, and strategy, as well as changes in the industry conditions, including competition and demand for the reporting unit's services, and macroeconomic conditions. For the Company's annual goodwill test at October 1, 2016, a qualitative assessment of the Dating reporting unit, and a quantitative assessment of the goodwill of its Non-dating reporting unit was performed.

The primary factors that the Company considered in its qualitative assessment of the Dating reporting unit were market, industry, and cost and operating factors, including the continued growth of the Dating reporting unit and the strength of various financial performance metrics. As of October 1, 2016, the fair value of the Non-dating reporting unit exceeds its carrying value by more than 10%.

The fair value of the Company's reporting units was determined using both an income approach based on discounted cash flows ("DCF") and a market approach when it tests goodwill for impairment, either on an interim basis or annual basis as of October 1 each year. Determining fair value using a DCF analysis requires the exercise of significant judgment with respect to several items, including the amount and timing of expected future cash flows and appropriate discount rates. The expected cash flows used in the DCF analyses are based on the Company's most recent budget and, for years beyond the budget, the Company's estimates, which are based, in part, on forecasted growth rates. The discount rates used in the DCF analyses are intended to reflect the risks inherent in the expected future cash flows of the respective reporting units. Assumptions used in the DCF analyses, including the discount rate, are assessed based on each of the reporting unit's current results and forecast, as well as macroeconomic and industry specific factors. The discount rate used in determining the fair value of the Company's Non-dating reporting unit was 15% in 2016 and 14% in 2015. The discount rate used to determine the fair value of the Company's Dating reporting unit was 12% in 2015. Determining fair value using a market approach considers multiples of financial metrics based on both acquisitions and trading multiples of a selected peer group of companies. From the comparable companies, a representative market multiple is determined which is applied to financial metrics to estimate the fair value of a reporting unit. To determine a peer group of companies for our respective reporting units, we considered companies relevant in terms of consumer use, monetization model, margin and growth characteristics, and brand strength operating in their respective sectors. While a primary driver in the determination of the fair values of the Company's reporting units is the estimate of future revenue and profitability, the determination of fair va

While the Company has the option to qualitatively assess whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of its indefinite-lived intangible asset are less than its carrying value, the Company's policy is to determine the fair value of each of its indefinite-lived intangible assets annually as of October 1. The Company determines the fair values of its indefinite-lived intangible assets using avoided royalty DCF analyses. Significant judgments inherent in these analyses include the selection of appropriate royalty and discount rates and estimating the amount and timing of expected future cash flows. The discount rates used in the DCF analyses reflect the risks inherent in the expected future cash flows generated by the respective intangible assets. The royalty rates used in the DCF analyses are based upon an estimate of the royalty rates that a market participant would pay to license the Company's trade names and trademarks. Assumptions used in the avoided royalty DCF analyses, including the discount rate and royalty rate, are assessed annually based on the actual and projected cash flows related to the asset, as well as macroeconomic and industry specific factors. The discount rates used in the Company's annual indefinite-lived

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

impairment assessment ranged from 11% to 26% in 2016 and 11% to 16% in 2015, and the royalty rates used ranged from 1% to 7% in 2016 and 3% to 7% in 2015.

## Long-Lived Assets and Intangible Assets with Definite Lives

Long-lived assets, which consist of property and equipment and intangible assets with definite lives, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. The carrying value of a long-lived asset is not recoverable if it exceeds the sum of the undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of the asset. If the carrying value is deemed not to be recoverable, an impairment loss is recorded equal to the amount by which the carrying value of the long-lived asset exceeds its fair value. Amortization of definite-lived intangible assets is computed either on a straight-line basis or based on the pattern in which the economic benefits of the asset will be realized.

#### **Fair Value Measurements**

The Company categorizes its financial instruments measured at fair value into a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used in pricing the asset or liability. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

- Level 1: Observable inputs obtained from independent sources, such as quoted prices for identical assets and liabilities in active markets.
- Level 2: Other inputs which are observable directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs for which there is little or no market data and require the Company to develop its own assumptions, based on the best information available in the circumstances, about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the assets or liabilities. See "Note 7—Fair Value Measurements and Financial Instruments" for a discussion of fair value measurements made using Level 3 inputs.

The Company's non-financial assets, such as goodwill, intangible assets and property and equipment, as well as cost method investments, are adjusted to fair value only when an impairment charge is recognized. Such fair value measurements are based predominantly on Level 3 inputs.

### **Advertising Costs**

Advertising costs are expensed in the period incurred (when the advertisement first runs for production costs that are initially capitalized) and represent online marketing, including fees paid to search engines, offline marketing, which is primarily television advertising, and partner-related payments to those who direct traffic to our websites. Advertising expense was \$332.5 million, \$323.9 million and \$309.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

# **Legal Costs**

Legal costs are expensed as incurred.

## **Income Taxes**

Match Group is a member of IAC's consolidated federal and state income tax returns. In all periods presented, current and deferred income tax expense has been computed for Match Group on an as if stand-alone, separate return basis.

The Company accounts for income taxes under the liability method, and deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying values of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. A valuation allowance is provided on deferred tax assets if it is determined that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax asset will not be realized. The

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Company records interest, net of any applicable related income tax benefit, on potential income tax contingencies as a component of income tax expense.

The Company recognizes liabilities for uncertain tax positions based on a two-step process. The first step is to evaluate the tax position for recognition by determining if the weight of available evidence indicates it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained on audit, including resolution of related appeals or litigation processes, if any. The second step is to measure the tax benefit as the largest amount which is more than 50% likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement.

## **Earnings Per Share**

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net earnings attributable to Match Group shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if stock options and other commitments to issue common stock were exercised or equity awards vested resulting in the issuance of common stock that could share in the earnings of the Company.

## Foreign Currency Translation and Transaction Gains and Losses

The financial position and operating results of foreign entities whose primary economic environment is based on their local currency are consolidated using the local currency as the functional currency. These local currency assets and liabilities are translated at the rates of exchange as of the balance sheet date, and local currency revenue and expenses of these operations are translated at average rates of exchange during the period. Translation gains and losses are included in accumulated other comprehensive income as a component of shareholders' equity. Transaction gains and losses resulting from assets and liabilities denominated in a currency other than the functional currency are included in the consolidated and combined statement of operations as a component of "Other income, net".

Translation gains and losses relating to foreign entities that are liquidated or substantially liquidated are reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive loss into earnings. Such gains totaled \$2.2 million during the year ended December 31, 2015 and is included in "Other income, net" in the accompanying consolidated and combined statement of operations.

## **Stock-Based Compensation**

Stock-based compensation is measured at the grant date based on the fair value of the award and is generally expensed over the requisite service period. See "Note 12—Stock-Based Compensation" for a discussion of the Company's stock-based compensation plans.

## **Redeemable Noncontrolling Interests**

Noncontrolling interests in the consolidated subsidiaries of the Company are ordinarily reported on the consolidated balance sheet within shareholders' equity, separately from the Company's equity. However, securities that are redeemable at the option of the holder and not solely within the control of the issuer must be classified outside of shareholders' equity. Accordingly, all noncontrolling interests that are redeemable at the option of the holder are presented outside of shareholders' equity in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

In connection with the acquisition of certain subsidiaries, current and former senior management of these businesses has retained an ownership interest. The Company is party to fair value put and call arrangements with respect to these interests. These put and call arrangements allow management of these businesses to require the Company to purchase these interests or allow the Company to acquire such interests at fair value, respectively. The put arrangements do not meet the definition of a derivative instrument as the put agreements do not provide for net settlement. No put and call arrangements were exercised during 2016, 2015 or 2014. These put arrangements are exercisable by the counter-party outside the control of the Company. Accordingly, to the extent that the fair value of these interests exceeds the value determined by normal noncontrolling interest accounting, the value of such interests is adjusted to fair value with a corresponding adjustment to additional paid-in capital/invested capital. During the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, the Company recorded adjustments of \$0.4 million, less than \$(0.1) million and \$21.1 million, respectively, to increase (decrease) these interests to fair value. Fair value determinations require high levels of judgment and are based on various valuation techniques, including market comparables and discounted cash flow projections.

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## **Certain Risks and Concentrations**

The Company's business is subject to certain risks and concentrations including dependence on third-party technology providers, exposure to risks associated with online commerce security and credit card fraud.

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Company to concentration of credit risk, consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents are principally maintained with financial institutions that are not covered by deposit insurance.

## **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Accounting Pronouncements not yet adopted by the Company

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, which clarifies the principles for recognizing revenue and develops a common standard for all industries. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-14, which defers the effective date of ASU 2014-09 for all entities by one year. In March, April, May and December 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-08, ASU No. 2016-10, ASU No. 2016-12 and ASU No. 2016-20, respectively, which provide further revenue recognition guidance related to principal versus agent considerations, performance obligations and licensing, and narrow-scope improvements and practical expedients. Early adoption is permitted beginning on the original effective date of December 15, 2016. Upon adoption, ASU No. 2014-09 may either be applied retrospectively to each prior period presented or using the modified retrospective approach with the cumulative effect recognized as of the date of initial application. The Company will adopt ASU No. 2014-09, as amended by ASU No. 2016-08, ASU No. 2016-10, ASU No. 2016-12 and ASU No. 2016-20, using the modified retrospective approach effective January 1, 2018. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of this standard update will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*, which supersedes existing guidance on accounting for leases in "Leases (Topic 840)" and generally requires all leases to be recognized in the statement of financial position. The provisions of ASU No. 2016-02 are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018; early adoption is permitted. The provisions of ASU No. 2016-02 are to be applied using a modified retrospective approach. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of this standard update will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-09, *Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payments Accounting (Topic 718)*. The update is intended to simplify existing guidance on various aspects of the accounting and presentation of employee share-based payments in financial statements including the accounting for income taxes, forfeitures and statutory tax withholding requirements, as well as classification on the statement of cash flows. The provisions of ASU No. 2016-09 are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016; early adoption is permitted.

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The primary effects of the adoption of ASU No. 2016-09 on the Company's results of operations, cash flows and earnings per share will be due to the change in the treatment of the excess tax benefit (deficiency) related to equity awards to employees upon exercise of stock options and the vesting of restricted stock units. The table below illustrates this effect.

Excess tax benefit (deficiency) of equity awards to employees upon exercise of stock options and the vesting of restricted stock units:		
Statement of operations	Treated as an increase (or decrease) to additional paid-in capital when realized (i.e., reduction of income taxes payable)	Included in the determination of the income tax provision or benefit upon option exercise or share vesting
Statement of cash flows	Treated as a financing cash flow	Treated as an operating cash flow
Calculation of fully diluted shares for the determination of earnings per share	Included as a component of the assumed proceeds in applying the treasury stock method	Excluded from the assumed proceeds in applying the treasury stock method

The expected effect of the adoption of ASU No. 2016-09 for the Company will be to increase reported net earnings (or reduce reported net loss), operating cash flow and basic earnings per share (or reduce reported net loss per share). The number of shares used in the calculation of fully diluted earnings per share will also increase due to the reduction in assumed proceeds under the treasury stock method. The actual effect on fully diluted earnings per share could be an increase or a decrease in any period, which will depend upon the increase in reported earnings and the increase in the number of shares included in the fully diluted earnings per share calculation.

As of January 1, 2017, the Company will adopt the change in treatment of excess tax benefit (deficiency) using the modified retrospective approach with the cumulative effect recognized as of the date of initial adoption and will apply the provisions of ASU No. 2016-09 related to the presentation on the statement of cash flows using the retrospective approach.

To illustrate the effect of ASU No. 2016-09 on the Company's results for the year ended December 31, 2016, the table below illustrates the change in the Company's reported results after giving pro forma effect to ASU No. 2016-09 as if it had been in effect on January 1, 2016.

	Reporte	d results under current GAAP		sults assuming ASU No. een in effect on January 1, 2016
		nds, except per share	e data)	
Net earnings	\$	172,013	\$	200,925
Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests		(562)		(562)
Net earnings attributable to Match Group, Inc. shareholders		171,451		200,363
Cash flows provided by operating activities		234,106		263,786
Cash flows used in financing activities		(31,514)		(61,194)
Basic earnings per share	\$	0.68	\$	0.80
Fully diluted earnings per share	\$	0.64	\$	0.72

In August 2016, the FASB ASU No. 2016-15, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments, which makes clarifications to how cash receipts and cash payments in certain transactions are presented and classified on the statement of cash flows. The provisions of ASU No. 2016-15 are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods, and will require adoption on a retrospective basis unless it is impracticable to apply, in which case we would be required to apply the amendments prospectively as of the earliest date practicable; early adoption is permitted. The Company does not expect the adoption of this standard update to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements and is currently evaluating the method and timing of adoption.

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In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-04, Intangibles — Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment, which is intended to simplify the accounting for goodwill impairment. The guidance will eliminate the requirement to calculate the implied fair value of goodwill under today's two-step impairment test to measure a goodwill impairment charge. The provisions of ASU No. 2017-04 are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019; early adoption is permitted. The provisions of ASU 2017-04 are to be applied using a prospective approach. The Company will adopt the provisions of ASU 2017-04 on January 1, 2017 and does not expect the adoption of this standard update to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

Accounting Pronouncement adopted by the Company

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, Interest-Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs, and in August 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-15, Interest-Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Presentation and Subsequent Measurement of Debt Issuance Costs Associated with Line-of-Credit Arrangements. Together, this guidance requires that deferred debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of the associated debt liability, consistent with debt discounts and premiums, while debt issuance costs related to line-of-credit arrangements may still continue to be classified as assets. The Company adopted the provisions of ASU No. 2015-03 and ASU No. 2015-15 in the first quarter of 2016 and applied the provisions retrospectively, resulting in \$16.6 million of deferred debt issuance costs being reclassified from other non-current assets to long-term debt, net of current maturities, in the accompanying December 31, 2015 consolidated balance sheet.

#### Reclassifications

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

## NOTE 3—INCOME TAXES

Match Group is a member of IAC's consolidated federal and state income tax returns. In all periods presented, current income tax provision and deferred income tax benefit have been computed for Match Group on an as if stand-alone, separate return basis. Match Group's payments to IAC for its share of IAC's consolidated federal and state tax return liabilities have been reflected within cash flows from operating activities in the accompanying consolidated and combined statement of cash flows.

U.S. and foreign earnings before income taxes are as follows:

	Y	ears E	nded December 3	1,	
	2016		2015		2014
		(I	n thousands)		_
\$	99,827	\$	149,340	\$	147,210
	131,759		30,045		68,426
\$	231,586	\$	179,385	\$	215,636

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The components of the provision for income taxes are as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,						
		2016		2015		2014	
			(In	thousands)			
Current income tax provision:							
Federal	\$	39,278	\$	68,420	\$	53,579	
State		4,526		7,336		6,045	
Foreign		23,964		5,672		13,557	
Current income tax provision		67,768		81,428		73,181	
Deferred income tax (benefit) provision:							
Federal		(163)		(15,131)		(4,188)	
State		(133)		(1,735)		(159)	
Foreign		(7,899)		(5,664)		(1,557)	
Deferred income tax benefit		(8,195)		(22,530)		(5,904)	
Income tax provision	\$	59,573	\$	58,898	\$	67,277	

Current income tax payable was reduced by \$29.7 million , \$38.4 million , and \$5.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2016 , 2015 and 2014 , respectively, for excess tax deductions attributable to stock-based compensation which is included as financing activity on the consolidated and combined statement of cash flows.

The tax effects of cumulative temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are presented below. The valuation allowance is primarily related to deferred tax assets for net operating losses.

	 Decem	ber 31,	,	
	 2016		2015	
	(In tho	usands)		
Deferred tax assets:				
Accrued expenses	\$ 9,406	\$	8,088	
Net operating loss carryforwards	33,239		33,373	
Stock-based compensation	27,732		25,269	
Other	7,862		7,756	
Total deferred tax assets	 78,239		74,486	
Less valuation allowance	(23,884)		(23,244)	
Net deferred tax assets	 54,355		51,242	
Deferred tax liabilities:				
Intangible and other assets	(65,868)		(73,172)	
Other	(2,772)		(1,230)	
Total deferred tax liabilities	(68,640)		(74,402)	
Net deferred tax liabilities	\$ (14,285)	\$	(23,160)	

At December 31, 2016, the Company has federal and state net operating losses ("NOLs") of \$21.7 million and \$13.7 million, respectively. If not utilized, the federal NOLs will expire at various times between 2031 and 2034, and the state NOLs will expire at various times between 2017 and 2036. Utilization of federal and state NOLs will be subject to limitations under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable state law. At December 31, 2016, the Company has foreign NOLs of

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\$90.7 million available to offset future income. Of these foreign NOLs, \$89.2 million can be carried forward indefinitely and \$1.5 million will expire at various times between 2017 and 2036. During 2016, the Company recognized tax benefits related to NOLs of \$1.1 million.

During 2016, the Company's valuation allowance increased by \$0.6 million primarily due to an other-than-temporary impairment charges on a cost method investment and an increase in foreign tax credits and state net operating losses. At December 31, 2016, the Company has a valuation allowance of \$23.9 million related to the portion of NOLs and other items for which it is more likely than not that the tax benefit will not be realized.

A reconciliation of the income tax provision to the amounts computed by applying the statutory federal income tax rate to earnings before income taxes is shown as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,							
	2016			2015		2014		
			(	In thousands)				
Income tax provision at the federal statutory rate of 35%	\$	81,055	\$	62,785	\$	75,472		
Change in tax reserves, net		(1,049)		(595)		(283)		
State income taxes, net of effect of federal tax benefit		2,964		3,626		3,826		
Foreign income taxed at a different statutory rate		(13,761)		(2,699)		(975)		
Foreign rate change		(4,454)				_		
Non-taxable contingent consideration fair value adjustments		(3,193)		(3,898)		(4,439)		
Non-taxable foreign currency exchange gains		(6,837)		(3,776)		(4,107)		
Other, net		4,848		3,455		(2,217)		
Income tax provision	\$	59,573	\$	58,898	\$	67,277		

No income taxes have been provided on indefinitely reinvested earnings of certain foreign subsidiaries aggregating \$312.4 million at December 31, 2016. The estimated amount of the unrecognized deferred income tax liability with respect to such earnings would be \$54.4 million.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits, including penalties but excluding interest, is as follows:

	December 31,					
		2016		2015		2014
	(In thousands)					
Balance at January 1	\$	24,908	\$	10,935	\$	11,215
Additions based on tax positions related to the current year		1,706		2,903		201
Additions for tax positions of prior years		1,414		12,846		490
Reductions for tax positions of prior years		(783)		(902)		(60)
Settlements		(258)		_		_
Expiration of applicable statute of limitations		(1,074)		(874)		(911)
Balance at December 31	\$	25,913	\$	24,908	\$	10,935

The Company recognizes interest and, if applicable, penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in the income tax provision. At both December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Company had accrued \$1.5 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, for the payment of interest. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Company had accrued \$1.6 million and \$1.8 million, respectively, for penalties.

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Match Group is routinely under audit by federal, state, local and foreign authorities in the area of income tax as a result of previously filed separate company tax returns and consolidated tax returns with IAC. These audits include questioning the timing and the amount of income and deductions and the allocation of income and deductions among various tax jurisdictions. The Internal Revenue Service is currently auditing IAC's federal income tax returns for the years ended December 31, 2010 through 2012, which includes the operations of Match Group. The statute of limitations for the years 2010 through 2012 has been extended to December 31, 2017. Various other jurisdictions are open to examination for tax years beginning with 2009. Income taxes payable include reserves considered sufficient to pay assessments that may result from examination of prior year tax returns. Changes to reserves from period to period and differences between amounts paid, if any, upon the resolution of audits and amounts previously provided may be material. Differences between the reserves for income tax contingencies and the amounts owed by the Company are recorded in the period they become known.

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, unrecognized tax benefits, including interest, were \$27.4 million and \$26.2 million, respectively. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, approximately \$17.7 million and \$16.4 million, respectively, were included in unrecognized tax benefits for tax positions included in IAC's consolidated tax return filings. If unrecognized tax benefits at December 31, 2016 are subsequently recognized, \$25.9 million, net of related deferred tax assets and interest, would reduce income tax expense. The comparable amount as of December 31, 2015 was \$25.8 million. The Company believes that it is reasonably possible that its unrecognized tax benefits could decrease by approximately \$6.5 million by December 31, 2017, primarily due to settlements and expirations of statutes of limitations.

### NOTE 4—BUSINESS COMBINATION

On October 28, 2015, the Company completed the purchase of all the outstanding shares of Plentyoffish Media Inc. ("PlentyOfFish"), a leading provider of subscription-based and ad-supported online personals servicing North America, Europe, Latin America and Australia. Services are provided through websites and mobile applications that PlentyOfFish owns and operates. The net purchase price was \$574.1 million in cash, which includes a \$0.9 million working capital adjustment paid to the Company in second quarter of 2016.

The financial results of PlentyOfFish are included in Match Group's consolidated financial statements, within the Dating segment, beginning October 28, 2015. For the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company included \$8.0 million of revenue and \$0.7 million of net earnings in its consolidated statement of operations related to PlentyOfFish.

The table below summarizes the fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition:

	 (In thousands)
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,626
Other current assets	4,460
Computer and other equipment	2,990
Goodwill	488,644
Intangible assets	84,100
Other non-current assets	1,073
Total assets	585,893
Current liabilities	(6,418)
Other long-term liabilities	(5,325)
Net assets acquired	\$ 574,150

The purchase price was based on the expected financial performance of PlentyOfFish, not on the value of the net identifiable assets at the time of acquisition, which resulted in a significant portion of the purchase price being attributed to goodwill. The expected financial performance of PlentyOfFish reflects that it is complementary and synergistic to the existing Dating businesses.

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Intangible assets are as follows:

	a		Weighted-Average Useful Life
	(In	thousands)	(Years)
Indefinite-lived trade name	\$	66,300	Indefinite
Customer relationships		10,100	Less than 1
New registrants		3,100	Less than 1
Non-compete agreement		3,000	5
Developed technology		1,600	2
Total intangible assets acquired	\$	84,100	

PlentyOfFish's other current assets, property and equipment, other non-current assets, current liabilities and other long-term liabilities were reviewed and adjusted to their fair values at the date of acquisition, as necessary. The fair values of trade names, customer relationships and the non-compete agreement were determined using variations of the income approach; specifically, in respective order, the relief from royalty, excess earnings and with or without methodologies. The fair values of new registrants and developed technology were determined using a cost approach that utilized the cost to replace methodology. The valuations of the intangible assets incorporate significant unobservable inputs and require significant judgment and estimates, including the amount and timing of future cash flows and the determination of royalty and discount rates. The amount attributed to goodwill is not tax deductible.

## **Pro forma Financial Information**

The unaudited pro forma financial information in the table below presents the combined results of Match Group and PlentyOfFish as if the acquisition of PlentyOfFish had occurred on January 1, 2014. The pro forma financial information includes adjustments required under the acquisition method of accounting and is presented for informational purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the results that would have been achieved had the acquisition actually occurred on January 1, 2014. For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, pro forma adjustments reflected below include increases of \$1.4 million and \$14.6 million, respectively, in amortization of intangible assets. The pro forma adjustment reflected below for the year ended December 31, 2014 also include a reduction in revenue of \$5.1 million due to the write-off of deferred revenue at the date of acquisition.

	 Years Ended December 31,			
	 2015	2014		
	(In thousands, except per share d			
Revenue	\$ 1,098,785	\$ 936,614		
Net earnings attributable to Match Group, Inc. shareholders	156,510	156,444		
Basic earnings per share attributable to Match Group, Inc. shareholders	0.74	0.77		
Diluted earnings per share attributable to Match Group, Inc. shareholders	0.71	0.75		
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## NOTE 5—GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Goodwill and intangible assets, net, are as follows:

	 December 31,			
	2016		2015	
	(In thousands)			
Goodwill	\$ 1,280,843	\$	1,292,775	
Intangible assets with indefinite lives	238,361		243,697	
Intangible assets with definite lives, net	10,809		32,711	
Total goodwill and intangible assets, net	\$ 1,530,013	\$	1,569,183	

The following table presents the balance of goodwill, by reporting unit, including the changes in the carrying value of goodwill, for the year ended December 31, 2016:

	alance at nber 31, 2015	, 2015 Additions (Deductions) Translation			ions (Deductions) (In thousands)		Balance at December 31, 2016		
Dating	\$ 1,218,380	\$	737	\$	(2,984)	\$	(9,686)	\$	1,206,447
Non-dating	74,395		<u> </u>		_		1		74,396
Total	\$ 1,292,775	\$	737	\$	(2,984)	\$	(9,685)	\$	1,280,843

The following table presents the balance of goodwill, by reporting unit, including the changes in the carrying value of goodwill, for the year ended December 31, 2015 :

	Balance at mber 31, 2014	Additions	(Deductions) (In thousands)	Foreign Exchange Translation	D	Balance at becember 31, 2015
Dating	\$ 718,129	\$ 549,146	\$ —	\$ (48,895)	\$	1,218,380
Non-dating	75,634	2,475	(3,711)	(3)		74,395
Total	\$ 793,763	\$ 551,621	\$ (3,711)	\$ (48,898)	\$	1,292,775

Dating additions for the year ended December 31, 2015 primarily related to the acquisitions of PlentyOfFish and Eureka.

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Intangible assets with indefinite lives are trade names and trademarks acquired in various acquisitions. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, intangible assets with definite lives are as follows:

	 December 31, 2016									
	 Gross Carrying Accumo Amount Amorti				Net	Weighted-Average Useful Life (Years)				
	(In thousands)									
Trade names	\$ 10,496	\$	(9,308)	\$	1,188	3.0				
Content	9,802		(5,992)		3,810	4.0				
Customer lists	7,500		(5,715)		1,785	5.0				
Technology	5,976		(5,231)		745	2.0				
Other	4,899		(1,618)		3,281	5.0				
Total	\$ 38,673	\$	(27,864)	\$	10,809	4.2				

		December 31, 2015								
	_	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization			Net	Weighted-Average Useful Life (Years)			
Trade names	\$	11,406	\$	(6,501)	\$	4,905	2.6			
Content		9,802		(3,508)		6,294	4.0			
Customer Lists		23,502		(8,113)		15,389	2.3			
Technology		6,333		(4,472)		1,861	2.4			
Other		4,900		(638)		4,262	5.0			
Total	\$	55,943	\$	(23,232)	\$	32,711	2.9			
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At December 31, 2016, amortization of intangible assets with definite lives is estimated to be as follows:

	 (In thousands)
2017	\$ 6,784
2018	2,552
2019	973
2020	500
Total	\$ 10,809

## NOTE 6-MARKETABLE SECURITIES AND LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

At December 31, 2015, marketable securities consisted of an equity security that had a cost basis of \$8.7 million, with gross unrealized gains of \$3.0 million which was included in "Accumulated other comprehensive loss" in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. This marketable security was sold in its entirety in the second quarter of 2016. Proceeds and gross realized gains from the sale of the available-for-sale marketable security were \$11.7 million and \$3.1 million, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2016.

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Long-term investments consist of:

	 December 31,				
	2016		2015		
	(In thousands)				
Cost method investments	\$ 55,355	\$	55,569		
Total long-term investments	\$ 55,355	\$	55,569		

The Company has four cost method investments. The Company's largest cost method investment is a 21% interest in the voting common stock of Zhenai Inc. ("Zhenai"), a leading provider of online dating and matchmaking services in China. However, given that our interest relative to other shareholders is not significant, we do not have the ability to exercise significant influence over the operating and financial matters of Zhenai and this investment is accounted for as a cost method investment.

## NOTE 7—FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS AND FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The following tables present the Company's financial instruments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

		December 31, 2016							
	Quoted Market Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)		Obser	Significant unobservable bservable Inputs (Level 2)  Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)					
		(In thous			ısands)				
Assets:									
Cash equivalents:									
Money market funds	\$	85,225	\$		\$		\$	85,225	
Liabilities:									
Contingent consideration arrangements	\$		\$		\$	(19,418)	\$	(19,418)	
		December 31, 2015							
	Quoted Market Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)		Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)		Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)			Total Fair Value Ieasurements	
				(In tho	ısands)				
Assets:									
Cash equivalents:									
Money market funds	\$	3,649	\$	_	\$	_	\$	3,649	
Marketable securities:									
Marketable equity security		11,622						11,622	
Total	\$	15,271	\$		\$		\$	15,271	
Liabilities:									
Contingent consideration arrangements	\$	_	\$	_	\$	(28,993)	\$	(28,993)	
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The following table presents the changes in the Company's financial instruments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3):

	December 31,				
		2016	2015		
	Contingent Consideration Arrangements			Contingent Consideration Arrangements	
		(In tho	ousands)		
Balance at January 1	\$	(28,993)	\$	(20,615)	
Total net gains:					
Fair value adjustments		9,198		11,056	
Foreign currency exchange gains		_		626	
Included in other comprehensive (loss) income		(1,571)		1,872	
Fair value at date of acquisition		(185)		(27,442)	
Settlements		_		5,510	
Other		2,133		_	
Balance at December 31	\$	(19,418)	\$	(28,993)	

#### Contingent consideration arrangements

As of December 31, 2016, there are five contingent consideration arrangements related to business acquisitions. The maximum contingent payments related to these arrangements is \$87.8 million. The Company expects to make payments on two of the five contingent consideration arrangements and the aggregate fair value of these two arrangements at December 31, 2016 is \$19.4 million.

The contingent consideration arrangements are generally based upon earnings performance and/or operating metrics. The Company determines the fair value of the contingent consideration arrangements by using probability-weighted analyses to determine the amounts of the gross liability, and, if the arrangement is long-term in nature, applying a discount rate, that appropriately captures the risks associated with the obligation to determine the net amount reflected in the consolidated and combined financial statements. The number of scenarios in the probability-weighted analyses can vary; generally, more scenarios are prepared for longer duration and more complex arrangements. The fair values of the contingent consideration arrangements at December 31, 2016 and 2015 reflect a 12% discount rate.

The fair values of the contingent consideration arrangements are sensitive to changes in the forecasts of earnings and/or the relevant operating metrics and changes in discount rates. The Company remeasures the fair value of the contingent consideration arrangements each reporting period, including the accretion of the discount, if applicable, and changes are recognized in "General and administrative expense" in the accompanying consolidated and combined statement of operations. The contingent consideration arrangement liability at December 31, 2016 and 2015 includes a current portion of \$19.0 million and \$0 million, respectively, and non-current portion of \$0.4 million and \$29.0 million, respectively, which are included in "Accrued expenses and other current liabilities" and "Other long-term liabilities," respectively, in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

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## Financial instruments measured at fair value only for disclosure purposes

The following table presents the carrying value and the fair value of financial instruments measured at fair value only for disclosure purposes.

	 December 31, 2016				December 31, 2015			
	 Carrying Value	F	air Value	Carrying Value			Fair Value	
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ _	\$	_	\$	(40,000)	\$	(39,850)	
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	(1,176,493)		(1,244,641)		(1,176,871)		(1,204,548)	

The fair value of long-term debt including current maturities is estimated using market prices or indices for similar liabilities and taking into consideration other factors such as credit quality and maturity, which are Level 3 inputs.

## NOTE 8—LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consists of:

		Decen	ıber 31,	
	-	2016		2015
		(In the	usands)	)
6.375% Senior Notes due June 1, 2024 (the "2016 Senior Notes"); interest payable each June 1 and December 1, which commenced December 1, 2016	\$	400,000	\$	_
6.75% Senior Notes due December 15, 2022 (the "2015 Senior Notes"); interest payable each June 15 and December 15, which commenced June 15, 2016		445,172		445,172
Term Loan due November 16, 2022 (a)		350,000		800,000
Total long-term debt		1,195,172		1,245,172
Less: Current maturities of long-term debt		_		40,000
Less: Unamortized original issue discount and original issue premium, net		5,245		11,691
Less: Unamortized debt issuance costs		13,434		16,610
Total long-term debt, net of current maturities	\$	1,176,493	\$	1,176,871

<sup>(</sup>a) The Term Loan matures on November 16, 2022; provided that, if any of the 2015 Senior Notes remain outstanding on the date that is 91 days prior to the maturity date of the 2015 Senior Notes, the Term Loan maturity date shall be the date that is 91 days prior to the maturity date of the 2015 Senior Notes.

## Senior Notes:

The 2016 Senior Notes were issued on June 1, 2016. The proceeds of \$400 million were used to prepay a portion of indebtedness outstanding under the Term Loan. At any time prior to June 1, 2019, these notes may be redeemed at a redemption price equal to the sum of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest and a make-whole premium. Thereafter, these notes may be redeemed at the redemption prices set forth below, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on June 1 of the years

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## indicated below:

<u>Year</u>	Percentage
2019	104.781%
2020	103.188%
2021	101.594%
2022 and thereafter	100.000%

The 2015 Senior Notes were issued on November 16, 2015, in exchange for a portion of IAC's 4.75% Senior Notes due December 15, 2022 (the "IAC 2012 Senior Notes") (the "Match Exchange Offer"). Promptly following the Match Exchange Offer, the Company and its subsidiaries were designated as unrestricted subsidiaries of IAC for purposes of the indentures governing the IAC 4.875% Senior Notes due November 30, 2018, the IAC 2012 Senior Notes and the IAC Credit Facility. Following the designation, neither Match Group nor any of its subsidiaries guarantee any debt of IAC, or are subject to any of the covenants related to such debt.

At any time prior to December 15, 2017, the 2015 Senior Notes may be redeemed at a redemption price equal to the sum of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest and a make-whole premium. Thereafter, the 2015 Senior Notes may be redeemed at the redemption prices set forth below, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on December 15 of the years indicated below.

<u>Year</u>	Percentage
2017	102.375%
2018	101.583%
2019	100.792%
2020 and thereafter	100.000%

The indentures governing the 2016 and 2015 Senior Notes contain covenants that would limit the Company's ability to pay dividends or to make distributions and repurchase or redeem Match Group stock in the event a default has occurred or Match Group's leverage ratio (as defined in the indentures) exceeds 5.0 to 1.0. At December 31, 2016, there were no limitations pursuant thereto. There are additional covenants that limit the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries to, among other things, (i) incur indebtedness, make investments, or sell assets in the event the Company is not in compliance with the leverage ratio set forth in the indenture, and (ii) incur liens, enter into agreements restricting the ability of the Company's subsidiaries to pay dividends, enter into transactions with affiliates and consolidate, merge or sell substantially all of their assets.

## Term Loan and Credit Facility:

On November 16, 2015, under a credit agreement (the "Credit Agreement"), the Company borrowed \$800 million in the form of a term loan (the "Term Loan"). On March 31, 2016, Match Group made a \$10 million principal payment on the Term Loan. On June 1, 2016, the \$400 million in proceeds from the 2016 Senior Notes, described above, were used to prepay a portion of the Term Loan. On December 8, 2016, the Company made an additional \$40 million principal payment on the Term Loan. In addition, the remaining outstanding balance of \$350 million, which is due at maturity, was repriced. The Term Loan provides for additional annual principal payments as part of an excess cash flow sweep provision, the amount of which, if any, is governed by the secured net leverage ratio contained in the Credit Agreement. The Term Loan bears interest, at our option, at a base rate or LIBOR, plus 2.25% or 3.25%, respectively, and in the case of LIBOR, a floor of 0.75%. The interest rate at December 31, 2016 is 4.20%. Interest payments are due at least semi-annually through the term of the loan.

The Company has a \$500 million revolving credit facility (the "Credit Facility") that expires on October 7, 2020. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, there were no outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility. The annual commitment fee on undrawn funds based on the current leverage ratio is 30 basis points. Borrowings under the Credit Facility bear interest, at the Company's option, at a base rate or LIBOR, in each case plus an applicable margin, which is determined by reference to a pricing grid based on the Company's consolidated net leverage ratio. The terms of the Credit Facility require the Company to

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maintain a consolidated net leverage ratio of not more than 5.0 to 1.0 and a minimum interest coverage ratio of not less than 2.5 to 1.0 (in each case as defined in the agreement).

There are additional covenants under the Credit Facility and the Term Loan that limit the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries to, among other things, incur indebtedness, pay dividends or make distributions. While the Term Loan remains outstanding, these same covenants under the Credit Agreement are more restrictive than the covenants that are applicable to the Credit Facility. Obligations under the Credit Facility and Term Loan are unconditionally guaranteed by certain Match Group wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries, and are also secured by the stock of certain Match Group domestic and foreign subsidiaries. The Term Loan and outstanding borrowings, if any, under the Credit Facility rank equally with each other, and have priority over the 2016 and 2015 Senior Notes to the extent of the value of the assets securing the borrowings under the Credit Agreement.

Long-term debt maturities:

Years Ending December 31,	(In thousands)
2022	\$ 795,172
2024	400,000
Total	1,195,172
Less: Unamortized original issue discount and original issue premium, net	5,245
Less: Unamortized debt issuance costs	13,434
Total long-term debt, net of current maturities	\$ 1,176,493

## NOTE 9—SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

## Description of Common Stock, Class B Convertible Common Stock and Class C Common Stock

The rights of holders of Match Group common stock, Class B common stock and Class C common stock are identical, except for voting rights, conversion rights and dividend rights. Holders of common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters to be voted upon by the stockholders. Holders of Class B common stock are entitled to ten votes per share on all matters to be voted upon by stockholders. Holders of Class C common stock have no voting rights, except as otherwise required by the laws of the State of Delaware, in which case holders of Class C common stock are entitled to one one-hundredth (1/100) of a vote per share. Holders of the Company's common stock, Class B common stock and Class C common stock do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors.

Shares of Match Group's Class B common stock are convertible into shares of our common stock at the option of the holder at any time on a share for share basis. Such conversion ratio will in all events be equitably preserved in the event of any recapitalization of Match Group by means of a stock dividend on, or a stock split or combination of, our outstanding common stock or Class B common stock, or in the event of any merger, consolidation or other reorganization of Match Group with another corporation. Upon the conversion of a share of our Class B common stock into a share of our common stock, the applicable share of Class B common stock will be retired and will not be subject to reissue. Shares of common stock and Class C common stock have no conversion rights.

The holders of shares of Match Group common stock, Class B common stock and Class C common stock are entitled to receive, share for share, such dividends as may be declared by Match Group's Board of Directors out of funds legally available therefore. In the event of a liquidation, dissolution or winding up, holders of the Company's common stock, Class B common stock and Class C common stock are entitled to receive ratably the assets available for distribution to the stockholders after payment of all liabilities and accrued but unpaid dividends and liquidation preferences on any outstanding preferred stock.

At December 31, 2016, IAC holds 209.9 million shares of our Class B common stock, representing 100% of our outstanding Class B common stock, and 1.0 million shares of our common stock, representing 2.1% of our outstanding common stock. IAC's ownership interest is 82.5% and IAC holds 97.9% of the outstanding total voting power of the Company.

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In the event that Match Group issues or proposes to issue any shares of Match Group common stock, Class B common stock or Class C common stock (with certain limited exceptions), including shares issued upon the exercise, conversion or exchange of options, warrants and convertible securities, IAC will generally have a purchase right that permits it to purchase for fair market value, as defined in the agreement, up to such number of shares of the same class as the issued shares as would (i) enable IAC to maintain the same ownership interest in the Company that it had immediately prior to such issuance or proposed issuance, with respect to issuances of our voting capital stock, or (ii) enable IAC to maintain ownership of at least 80.1% of each class of the Company's non-voting capital stock, with respect to issuances of our non-voting capital stock.

## **Reserved Common Shares**

In connection with equity compensation plans, 61.2 million shares of Match Group common stock are reserved at December 31, 2016.

## NOTE 10—ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

The following tables present the components of accumulated other comprehensive loss and items reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive loss into earnings:

	Year Ended December 31, 2016						
	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment		Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Available- For-Sale Security			ccumulated Other omprehensive Loss	
				(In thousands)			
Balance at January 1	\$	(139,784)	\$	2,964	\$	(136,820)	
Other comprehensive (loss) income before reclassifications		(36,600)		94		(36,506)	
Gain on sale of available-for-sale security reclassified into earnings				(3,058)		(3,058)	
Net current period other comprehensive loss		(36,600)		(2,964)		(39,564)	
Balance at December 31	\$	(176,384)	\$	_	\$	(176,384)	

	Year Ended December 31, 2015					
	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment		Translation Gain on Available-			ccumulated Other omprehensive Loss
				(In thousands)		
Balance at January 1	\$	(76,800)	\$	(1,248)	\$	(78,048)
Other comprehensive (loss) income before reclassifications		(60,793)		4,212		(56,581)
Foreign currency translation adjustment reclassified into earnings related to the substantial						
liquidation of a foreign business		(2,191)		_		(2,191)
Net period other comprehensive (loss) income		(62,984)		4,212		(58,772)
Balance at December 31	\$	(139,784)	\$	2,964	\$	(136,820)

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, there was no tax benefit or provision on the accumulated other comprehensive loss.

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## NOTE 11—EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table sets forth the computation of the basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to Match Group shareholders:

	Years Ended December 31,											
	2016			2015				2014				
		Basic		Diluted		Basic		Diluted		Basic		Diluted
				(I	n the	ousands, exce	pt pe	r share data)				
Numerator												
Net earnings	\$	172,013	\$	172,013	\$	120,487	\$	120,487	\$	148,359	\$	148,359
Net earnings attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests		(562)		(562)		(104)		(104)		(595)		(595)
Net earnings attributable to Match Group, Inc. shareholders	\$	171,451	\$	171,451	\$	120,383	\$	120,383	\$	147,764	\$	147,764
Denominator												
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding		251,522		251,522		174,784		174,784		160,756		160,756
Dilutive securities including subsidiary denominated equity, stock options and RSU awards $^{\rm (a)(b)}$				18,203		_		10,150				7,323
Dilutive weighted average common shares outstanding		251,522		269,725		174,784		184,934		160,756		168,079
Earnings per share attributable to Match Group, Inc. shareholders												
Earnings per share	\$	0.68	\$	0.64	\$	0.69	\$	0.65	\$	0.92	\$	0.88

<sup>(</sup>a) If the effect is dilutive, weighted average common shares outstanding include the incremental shares that would be issued upon the assumed exercise of subsidiary denominated equity, stock options and the vesting of restricted stock units ("RSUs"). For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, 6.1 million and 5.2 million potentially dilutive securities, respectively, are excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share because their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive. For the year ended December 31, 2014, all potentially dilutive securities were included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share.

## NOTE 12—STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company currently has one active stock and annual incentive plan, which became effective in 2015 upon the completion of the IPO. This plan replaced two historical plans that governed equity awards prior to the IPO. The 2015 plan covers stock options to acquire shares of Match Group common stock and RSUs granted pursuant to the historical plans and stock options and stock settled stock appreciation rights denominated in the equity of certain of our subsidiaries granted prior to the IPO, as well as provides for the future grant of these and other equity awards. The 2015 plan authorizes the Company to grant awards to its employees, officers, directors and consultants. At December 31, 2016, there were 5.0 million shares

<sup>(</sup>b) Market-based awards and performance-based stock options ("PSOs") and restricted stock units ("PSUs") are considered contingently issuable shares. Market-based awards, PSOs and PSUs are included in the denominator for earnings per share if (i) the applicable market or performance condition(s) has been met and (ii) the inclusion of the market-based award, PSOs and PSUs are dilutive for the respective reporting periods. For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, 2.5 million and 7.5 million market-based awards, PSOs and PSUs, respectively, were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share because the market or performance conditions had not been met. For the year ended December 31, 2014, there were no outstanding market-based awards, PSOs, or PSUs.

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available for the future grant of equity awards under the 2015 plan and 39.5 million shares in the aggregate related to awards outstanding under the historical plans and subsidiary equity awards granted prior to the IPO.

The 2015 plan has a stated term of ten years, and provides that the exercise price of stock options granted will not be less than the market price of the Company's common stock on the grant date. The plan does not specify grant dates or vesting schedules of awards as those determinations have been delegated to the Compensation and Human Resources Committee of Match Group's Board of Directors (the "Committee"). Each grant agreement reflects the vesting schedule for that particular grant as determined by the Committee. Stock options granted subsequent to September 1, 2015 will generally vest in four equal annual installments over a four -year period. RSU awards outstanding generally vest over a three -year period. PSU awards outstanding generally vest in two equal annual installments over a two -year period.

Stock-based compensation expense recognized in the consolidated and combined statement of operations includes expense related to the Company's stock options and RSUs, performance-based stock options and PSUs for which vesting is considered probable, equity instruments denominated in shares of subsidiaries, and IAC denominated stock options, RSUs and market-based awards held by Match Group employees. The amount of stock-based compensation expense is reduced by estimated forfeitures, as the expense recorded is based on awards that are ultimately expected to vest. The forfeiture rate is estimated at the grant date based on historical experience and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from the estimated rate. At December 31, 2016, there is \$90.6 million of unrecognized compensation cost, net of estimated forfeitures, related to all equity-based awards, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 2.7 years.

The total income tax benefit recognized in the accompanying consolidated and combined statement of operations for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 related to stock-based compensation is \$16.4 million, \$16.9 million, respectively.

#### **Stock Options**

Stock options outstanding at December 31, 2016 and changes during the year ended December 31, 2016 are as follows:

	December 31, 2016								
	Shares		Weighted Average Exercise Price		Aggregate Intrinsic Value				
			(Shares and intrinsic	value in thousands)					
Outstanding at January 1, 2016	34,832	\$	12.08						
Granted	8,710		11.46						
Exercised	(4,753)		8.36						
Forfeited	(5,129)		12.96						
Expired	(14)		11.06						
Outstanding at December 31, 2016 (a)	33,646	\$	12.31	7.5	\$	161,423			
Options exercisable	11,930	\$	10.95	5.4	\$	73,373			
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<sup>(</sup>a) Included in the outstanding balance at December 31, 2016 is 4.9 million performance-based stock options, which vest in varying amounts and years depending upon certain performance conditions. The Company expects 0.1 million shares to vest based on our current assessment of the performance conditions. The table above includes these awards at their maximum potential payout.

The aggregate intrinsic value in the table above represents the difference between Match Group's closing stock price on the last trading day of 2016 and the exercise price, multiplied by the number of in-the-money options that would have been

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received by the option holders had all option holders exercised their options on December 31, 2016. The total intrinsic value of stock options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 is \$37.3 million, \$5.7 million and \$10.7 million, respectively.

The following table summarizes the information about stock options outstanding and exercisable at December 31, 2016:

		<b>Options Outstanding</b>				Options Exercisable	;	
Range of Exercise Prices	Outstanding at December 31, 2016	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Life in Years	Weighted-Average Exercise Price		Exercisable at Average December 31, Contractual 2016 Life in Years		We	ighted-Average Exercise Price
				(Shares in t	housands)			
\$0.01 to \$5.00	925	3.1	\$	4.11	925	3.1	\$	4.11
\$5.01 to \$10.00	1,210	1.7		8.00	1,210	1.7		8.00
\$10.01 to \$15.00	26,136	7.5		12.09	8,707	5.7		11.53
\$15.01 to \$20.00	5,375	8.9		15.75	1,088	8.7		15.44
	33,646	7.5	\$	12.31	11,930	5.4	\$	10.95

The fair value of stock option awards, with the exception of market-based awards, is estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The Black-Scholes option pricing model incorporates various assumptions, including expected volatility and expected term. Prior to 2014, expected stock price volatilities were estimated based on historical stock price volatilities of peer companies that were chosen on the basis for their similarity to the Company in terms of consumer use, monetization model, margin and growth characteristics and brand strength. At the beginning of 2014, the Company concluded that the most relevant reference point for determining volatility was IAC's historical volatility as a result of the Company representing a large percentage of the overall value of IAC. The risk-free interest rates are based on U.S. Treasuries with comparable terms as the awards, in effect at the grant date. Prior to the IPO, expected term was based on the mid-point of the first and last windows for exercise. Following the IPO, expected term is based upon the historical exercise pattern of IAC's employees for comparable awards, a ten-year contractual life with vesting in four equal annual installments, because the Company does not have sufficient data to estimate an expected term for these awards. No dividends have been assumed. The following are the weighted average assumptions used in the Black-Scholes option pricing model:

		Years Ended December 31,				
	2016	2015	2014			
Expected volatility	27%	28%	29%			
Risk-free interest rate	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%			
Expected term	4.8 years	4.1 years	4.2 years			
Dividend yield	<u> </u>	%	%			

On November 18, 2015, the Company granted 1.8 million market-based stock options to its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. The award has market-based conditions and service-based vesting. The market-based vesting condition was achieved in 2016. The award has a ten-year contractual life and vests in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. The grant date fair value of this market-based award was estimated using a lattice model that incorporates a Monte Carlo simulation of Match Group's stock price. The inputs used to fair value this award included expected volatility of 27%, a risk-free interest rate of 2.3% and a 0% dividend yield. Expense is recognized over the four -year vesting period because it exceeds the derived service period of three years, which is an output of the option pricing model.

Approximately 8.7 million, 21.1 million and 5.6 million stock options were granted by the Company during the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The weighted average fair value of stock options granted during the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 with exercise prices equal to the market prices of Match Group's common stock on the date of grant are \$2.98, \$3.46 and \$5.21, respectively. There were no stock options issued during the years

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ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 with exercise prices greater than the market value of Match Group's common stock on the date of grant.

Cash received from stock option exercises and the related tax benefit realized for the year ended December 31, 2016 and for the period subsequent to the IPO through December 31, 2015 are \$39.7 million and \$13.9 million; and \$0.1 million and less than \$0.1 million, respectively. For periods prior to the IPO, no cash was received from the exercise of stock options because they were net settled in shares of IAC's common stock. For the periods prior to the IPO, the related tax benefit realized by the Company in 2015 and 2014 were \$1.2 million and \$1.7 million, respectively.

## Restricted Stock Units and Performance-based Stock Units

RSUs and PSUs are awards in the form of phantom shares or units denominated in a hypothetical equivalent number of shares of Match Group common stock and with the value of each RSU and PSU equal to the fair value of Match Group common stock at the date of grant. Each RSU and PSU grant is subject to service-based vesting, where a specific period of continued employment must pass before an award vests. PSUs also include performance-based vesting, where certain performance targets set at the time of grant must be achieved before an award vests. For RSU grants, the expense is measured at the grant date as the fair value of Match Group common stock and expensed as stock-based compensation over the vesting term. For PSU grants, the expense is measured at the grant date as the fair value of Match Group common stock and expensed as stock-based compensation over the vesting term if the performance targets are considered probable of being achieved.

Unvested RSUs and PSUs outstanding at December 31, 2016 and changes during the year ended December 31, 2016 are as follows:

	F	SUs		PSUs			
	Number of shares		Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Number of shares <sup>(a)</sup>		Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	
			(Shares in t	housands)		·	
Unvested at January 1, 2016	373	\$	14.52	_	\$	_	
Granted	229		16.32	330		10.11	
Vested	(63)		15.12	_		_	
Forfeited	_		_	(165)		10.11	
Unvested at December 31, 2016	539	\$	15.21	165	\$	10.11	

The weighted average fair value of RSUs and PSUs granted during the year ended December 31, 2016 and for the period subsequent to the IPO through December 31, 2015 based on market prices of Match Group's common stock on the grant date was \$12.65 and \$14.52, respectively. There were no RSUs or PSUs granted or outstanding for the year ended December 31, 2014. The total fair value of RSUs and PSUs that vested during the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$1.1 million. No RSUs or PSUs vested during the year ended December 31, 2015.

#### Market-based Awards

During 2016 and 2015, the Company granted market-based awards to certain employees. The number of awards that ultimately vest is dependent upon Match Group's stock price. The grant date fair value of each market-based award is estimated using a lattice model that incorporates a Monte Carlo simulation of Match Group's stock price. Each market-based award is subject to service-based vesting, where a specific period of continued employment must pass before an award vests.

<sup>(</sup>a) This represents the maximum shares issuable.

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Market-based awards outstanding at December 31, 2016 and changes during the year ended December 31, 2016 are as follows:

	Market-ba	ards	
	Number of shares		Weighted Average Grant Date Price
	(Shares in	thousan	nds)
Unvested at January 1, 2016	117	\$	12.00
Granted	1,465		10.60
Vested	(7)		12.00
Forfeited	(39)		12.00
Unvested at December 31, 2016	1,536	\$	10.66

The weighted average fair value of market-based awards granted during the year ended December 31, 2016 and for the period subsequent to the IPO through December 31, 2015 based on the valuation model was \$1.77 and \$2.15, respectively. There were no market-based awards granted for the year ended December 31, 2014. The total fair value of market-based awards that vested during the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$0.1 million. There were no market-based awards that vested during the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

## **Equity Instruments Denominated in the Shares of Certain Subsidiaries**

Stock options and stock settled stock appreciation rights denominated in the equity of Tinder and The Princeton Review have been granted to certain employees of these Match Group subsidiaries. These equity awards generally vest over a four -year period. The value of the stock options and stock settled stock appreciation rights is tied to the value of the common stock of these subsidiaries. Accordingly, these interests only have value to the extent the relevant subsidiary appreciates above the initial value utilized to determine the exercise price. These awards are granted with exercise prices of not less than the grant date fair value, which is determined by the Company using a variety of valuation techniques including a combination of market based and discounted cash flow valuation methodologies. The expense associated with these equity awards is initially measured at fair value, using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, at the grant date and is recognized as stock-based compensation over the vesting term. These dilutive securities are reflected in our share calculations underlying our dilutive earnings per share calculation contained in our financial statements for fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014.

The plans under which these awards are granted establish specific settlement dates or liquidity events for which the valuation of the relevant subsidiary is determined for purposes of settlement of the awards. The plan for The Princeton Review generally provides that Match Group establishes the fair value of the awards; for Tinder, the settlement date fair value will be established by independent third parties or mutual agreement.

These subsidiary denominated awards, when exercised, are settled by Match Group issuing shares of its common stock equal in value to the intrinsic value of the award being settled, net of shares with a value equal to the withholding taxes due, which taxes are remitted by Match Group to the government on behalf of the employees. At the time of settlement, IAC has the option to issue its own shares directly to the award holders, in which case Match Group would in turn issue its shares to IAC as reimbursement. In either settlement scenario, the same number of Match Group shares would be issued. With respect to Tinder, Match Group has the ability to extinguish its obligations to settle the Tinder awards if it completes an initial public offering of the stock of Tinder. In such an event, the Tinder denominated equity would be exercisable for shares of Tinder common shares.

The Princeton Review has liquidity events on an annual basis. Tinder's initial liquidity event occurred in July 2016, with the next liquidity event scheduled for May 2017 and subsequent events scheduled to occur approximately every 18 months thereafter. The Company issued 1.7 million Match Group common shares, and paid \$22.8 million of withholding taxes, to settle awards exercised during the July 2016 Tinder liquidity event to current and former employees who exercised their subsidiary options. The aggregate intrinsic value of all subsidiary denominated equity at December 31, 2016 was \$329.1 million, of which \$250.4 million is related to vested shares and \$78.7 million is related to unvested shares. The comparable aggregate amount at December 31, 2015 is \$246.3 million. The aggregate number of Match Group common

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shares that would have been required to settle these interests at estimated fair values on December 31, 2016, including vested and unvested interests (which will be reduced by the number of shares withheld to cover employee withholding taxes), is 19.2 million shares. The comparable amount at December 31, 2015 is 18.2 million shares. Giving effect to withholding taxes, which will be paid by the Company on behalf of the employees at exercise, the aggregate number of shares and cash that would be required to settle the vested and unvested interests at estimated fair values on December 31, 2016 is 9.6 million shares and \$164.6 million, respectively, assuming a 50% withholding rate; the comparable amounts at December 31, 2015 are 9.1 million shares and \$123.2 million, respectively. The number of shares ultimately needed to settle these awards may vary significantly from the estimated number as a result of both movements in our stock price and a determination of fair value of the relevant subsidiary that is different than our estimate.

Assuming no change in the value of the Company's common stock at December 31, 2016, each incremental increase of 10% over the Company's December 31, 2016 fair value estimate of these subsidiaries would require approximately 2.7 million incremental aggregate shares to settle these awards (which will be reduced by the number of shares withheld to cover employee withholding taxes).

During the third quarter of 2015, the Company modified certain subsidiary denominated vested equity awards and recognized a modification charge of \$6.8 million. During the fourth quarter of 2015, the Company repurchased certain subsidiary denominated vested equity awards in exchange for \$23.4 million in cash and fully vested modified equity awards and recognized a modification charge of \$7.7 million. These modification charges are included in stock-based compensation for the year ended December 31, 2015.

During 2014, the Company granted an equity award denominated in shares of a subsidiary of the Company to a non-employee. This award is marked to market each reporting period. The award vests at multiple times a year and is fully vested in October 2017. In the third quarter of 2016, the Company settled the vested portion of the award for cash of \$13.4 million . At December 31, 2016, the total fair value of the remaining award, at current estimated fair value, including vested and unvested interests, is \$14.3 million .

## **IAC Denominated Stock Options**

For the year ended December 31, 2016, there were less than 0.1 million IAC stock options granted by IAC to employees of Match Group. There were no IAC stock options granted by IAC to employees of Match Group for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014. Approximately 0.4 million IAC stock options remain outstanding to employees of Match Group post IPO. The fair value of each stock option award was estimated on the grant date using the Black–Scholes option pricing model. IAC stock options were granted with exercise prices at least equal to the fair value on the date of grant, vest ratably in annual installments over a four -year period and expire ten years from the date of grant.

In January 2014, a portion of IAC's former Chief Executive Officer's (who became the Chairman of the Match Group) outstanding IAC stock options were canceled and replaced with equity denominated in Match Group and various subsidiaries of Match Group. The incremental expense associated with this modification was \$7.4 million.

#### IAC Denominated RSUs and Market-based Awards

Less than 0.1 million and 0.7 million IAC RSUs and market-based awards were granted by IAC to employees of Match Group during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. There were no IAC RSUs or market-based awards granted by IAC to employees of Match Group for the year ended December 31, 2014. RSUs are awards in the form of phantom shares or units, denominated in a hypothetical equivalent number of shares of IAC common stock and with the value of each RSU equal to the fair value of IAC common stock at the date of grant. Each RSU grant is subject to service-based vesting, where a specific period of continued employment must pass before an award vests. The number of market-based awards that ultimately vest is dependent upon Match Group's stock price. The grant date fair value of each market-based award is estimated using a lattice model that incorporates a Monte Carlo simulation of Match Group's stock price. Each market-based award is subject to service-based vesting, where a specific period of continued employment must pass before an award vests. Some of the market-based awards contain performance targets set at the time of grant that must be achieved before an award vests.

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## NOTE 13—SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company has two operating segments, Dating and Non-dating, which are also the Company's two reportable segments. The Company's Chairman and CEO, who is the chief operating decision maker, allocates resources and assesses performance at the segment level. Our Dating segment provides dating products and the Company's Non-dating segment provides a variety of education services including test preparation, academic tutoring and college counseling services.

Years Ended December 31,

	_			1 04115	Enaca December o	-,	
	_		2016		2015		2014
					(In thousands)		
Revenue:		_				_	
Dating		\$	1,118,110	\$	909,705	\$	836,458
Non-dating	_		104,416		110,726		51,810
Total	=	\$	1,222,526	\$	1,020,431	\$	888,268
	_		,	Years	Ended December 3	1,	
		:	2016		2015		2014
					(In thousands)		
Operating Income (Loss):							
Dating		\$	315,549	\$	212,981	\$	253,725
Non-dating	_		(9,641)		(19,425)		(25,158)
Total	=	\$	305,908	\$	193,556	\$	228,567
			,	Years	Ended December 3	1,	
	<del>-</del>		2016		2015		2014
					(In thousands)		
Adjusted EBITDA: (a)							
Dating	9	\$	403,380	\$	284,554	\$	289,287
Non-dating	_		575		(5,887)		(15,839)
Total	=	\$	403,955	\$	278,667	\$	273,448
					Decem	ıber 31,	
					2016		2015
						usands)	
Segment Assets: (b)							
Dating				\$	487,989	\$	301,452
Non-dating					30,676		38,757
Total				\$	518,665	\$	340,209
	-		2016	Years	Ended December 3 2015	1,	2014
	_	•	2010		(In thousands)		2014
Capital expenditures:							
Dating	9	\$	46,098	\$	25,246	\$	19,734
Non-dating			2,805		3,910		2,059
Total	9	\$	48,903	\$	29,156	\$	21,793
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- (a) The Company's primary financial measure is Adjusted EBITDA, which is defined as operating income excluding: (1) stock-based compensation expense; (2) depreciation; and (3) acquisition-related items consisting of (i) amortization of intangible assets and impairments of goodwill and intangible assets, if applicable, and (ii) gains and losses recognized on changes in the fair value of contingent consideration arrangements. The Company believes this measure is useful for analysts and investors as this measure allows a more meaningful comparison between our performance and that of our competitors. Moreover, our management uses this measure internally to evaluate the performance of our business as a whole and our individual business segments, and this measure is one of the primary metrics by which our internal budgets are based and by which management is compensated. The above items are excluded from our Adjusted EBITDA measure because these items are non-cash in nature, and we believe that by excluding these items, Adjusted EBITDA corresponds more closely to the cash operating income generated from our business, from which capital investments are made and debt is serviced. Adjusted EBITDA has certain limitations in that it does not take into account the impact to Match Group's statement of operations of certain expenses.
- (b) Consistent with the Company's primary metric (described in (a) above), the Company excludes, if applicable, goodwill and intangible assets from the measure of segment assets presented above.

Revenue by geography is based on where the customer is located. Geographic information about revenue and long-lived assets is presented below:

	 Years Ended December 31,									
	2016 2015									
	 (In thousands)									
Revenue										
United States	\$ 775,454	\$	695,149	\$	578,139					
All other countries	447,072		325,282		310,129					
Total	\$ 1,222,526	\$	1,020,431	\$	888,268					

The United States is the only country whose revenue is greater than 10 percent of total revenue.

	 December 31,					
	2016		2015			
	(In tho	usands)				
Long-lived assets (excluding goodwill and intangible assets)						
United States	\$ 48,445	\$	28,169			
All other countries	21,283		19,898			
Total	\$ 69,728	\$	48,067			

The only country, other than the United States, with greater than 10 percent of total long-lived assets (excluding goodwill and intangible assets), was France with \$14.3 million and \$14.5 million as of December 31, 2016 and 2015.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

The following tables reconcile operating income (loss) for the Company's reportable segments and net earnings attributable to Match Group, Inc. shareholders to Adjusted EBITDA:

				Year Ended D	ecem	ber 31, 2016				
	Ope	rating Income (Loss)	Stock-based compensation	Depreciation		Amortization of Intangibles	Co	quisition-related Contingent nsideration Fair lue Adjustments	Adj	usted EBITDA
Dating	\$	315,549	\$ 52,370	\$ 27,726	\$	16,932	\$	(9,197)	\$	403,380
Non-dating		(9,641)	618	3,501		6,097		_		575
Total		305,908	\$ 52,988	\$ 31,227	\$	23,029	\$	(9,197)	\$	403,955
Interest expense—third party		(82,214)								
Other income, net		7,892								
Earnings before income taxes		231,586								
Income tax provision		(59,573)								
Net earnings		172,013								
Net earnings attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests		(562)								
Net earnings attributable to Match Group, Inc. shareholders	\$	171,451								

					Year Ended De	ecembe	r 31, 2015				
	Ope	rating Income (Loss)	Stock-based ompensation	Е	Depreciation		mortization Intangibles	Cons	uisition-related Contingent sideration Fair e Adjustments	Adjı	usted EBITDA
Dating	\$	212,981	\$ 49,401	\$	19,791	\$	13,437	\$	(11,056)	\$	284,554
Non-dating		(19,425)	682		6,192		6,664		_		(5,887)
Total		193,556	\$ 50,083	\$	25,983	\$	20,101	\$	(11,056)	\$	278,667
Interest expense—third party		(18,049)									
Interest expense—related party		(8,009)									
Other income, net		11,887									
Earnings before income taxes		179,385									
Income tax provision		(58,898)									
Net earnings		120,487									
Net earnings attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests		(104)									
Net earnings attributable to Match Group, Inc. shareholders	\$	120,383									

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Year Ended December 31, 2014 Acquisition-related Contingent **Operating Income** Stock-based Amortization Consideration Fair (Loss) compensation Depreciation of Intangibles Value Adjustments Adjusted EBITDA \$ 253,725 \$ 19,543 \$ 21,502 \$ 7,429 (12,912)289,287 Dating Non-dating 1,308 4,045 3,966 (25,158)(15,839)228,567 \$ 20,851 \$ 25,547 \$ 11,395 \$ (12,912)\$ 273,448 Total Interest expense—related party (25,541)Other income, net 12,610 215,636 Earnings before income taxes Income tax provision (67,277)148,359 Net earnings Net earnings attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests (595)Net earnings attributable to Match Group, Inc. shareholders 147,764

The following tables reconcile segment assets to total assets:

						December 31, 2016			
	Se	egment Assets	Goodwill	Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets			Definite-Lived Intangible Assets	Total Assets	
						(In thousands)			
Dating	\$	487,989	\$	1,206,447	\$	214,461	\$	3,221	\$ 1,912,118
Non-dating		30,676		74,396		23,900		7,588	136,560
Total	\$	518,665	\$	1,280,843	\$	238,361	\$	10,809	\$ 2,048,678

					Γ	ecember 31, 2015		
	Seg	ment Assets	ssets Goodwill			ndefinite-Lived ntangible Assets	Definite-Lived Intangible Assets	<b>Total Assets</b>
						(In thousands)		
Dating	\$	301,452	\$	1,218,380	\$	219,797	19,026	\$ 1,758,655
Non-dating		38,757		74,395		23,900	13,685	150,737
Total	\$	340,209	\$	1,292,775	\$	243,697	\$ 32,711	\$ 1,909,392

## **NOTE 14—COMMITMENTS**

The Company leases office space, data center facilities and equipment used in connection with its operations under various operating leases, many of which contain escalation clauses. The Company is also committed to pay a portion of the related operating expenses under certain lease agreements. These operating expenses are not included in the table below.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Future minimum payments under operating lease agreements are as follows:

	 (In thousands)
2017	\$ 12,066
2018	11,479
2019	7,991
2020	7,527
2021	6,401
Thereafter	17,941
Total	\$ 63,405

Expenses charged to operations under these agreements are \$20.3 million , \$13.9 million and \$14.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2016 , 2015 and 2014 , respectively. See "Note 17—Related Party Transactions" for additional information related to related party transactions.

The Company also has funding commitments in the form of a purchase obligation and surety bonds. The purchase obligation relates to web hosting services with \$10.0 million due for each of the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2018. The surety bonds of \$0.1 million expire within twelve months of December 31, 2016.

#### NOTE 15—CONTINGENCIES

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is a party to various lawsuits. The Company establishes reserves for specific legal matters when it determines that the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome is probable and the loss is reasonably estimable. Management has also identified certain other legal matters where we believe an unfavorable outcome is not probable and, therefore, no reserve is established. Although management currently believes that resolving claims against us, including claims where an unfavorable outcome is reasonably possible, will not have a material impact on the liquidity, results of operations, or financial condition of the Company, these matters are subject to inherent uncertainties and management's view of these matters may change in the future. The Company also evaluates other contingent matters, including income and non-income tax contingencies, to assess the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome and estimated extent of potential loss. It is possible that an unfavorable outcome of one or more of these lawsuits or other contingencies could have a material impact on the liquidity, results of operations, or financial condition of the Company. See "Note 3—Income Taxes" for additional information related to income tax contingencies.

## NOTE 16—SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

## **Supplemental Disclosure of Non-Cash Transactions:**

The Company recorded acquisition-related contingent consideration liabilities of \$0.2 million , \$27.4 million and \$0.3 million during the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively, in connection with various acquisitions. See "Note 7—Fair Value Measurements and Financial Instruments" for additional information on contingent consideration arrangements.

On November 16, 2015, the Company exchanged \$445.3 million of IAC 2012 Senior Notes for \$445.2 million of Match Group Senior Notes. See "Note 8—Long-term Debt" for additional information on the note exchange.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## **Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information:**

	Years Ended December 31,										
		2016		2014							
	(In thousands)										
Cash paid (received) during the year for:											
Interest	\$	82,494 \$	8,696	\$	7,017						
Income tax payments, including amounts paid to IAC for Match Group's share of IAC's consolidated tax liability		44,733	46,657		68,905						
Income tax refunds		(962)	(1,583)		(3,826)						

## NOTE 17 —RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

## Relationship with IAC post IPO

In connection with the IPO, the Company entered into certain agreements relating to our relationship with IAC after the IPO. These agreements include a master transaction agreement; an investor rights agreement; a tax sharing agreement; a services agreement; an employee matters agreement and a subordinated loan agreement.

For the year ended December 31, 2016 and for the period from the date of the IPO through December 31, 2015, the Company was charged \$11.8 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, by IAC for services rendered pursuant to a services agreement. These amounts were paid in full by the Company at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The Company entered into a sublease arrangement in a data center with an IAC subsidiary prior to the IPO; the Company paid this IAC subsidiary approximately \$1.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2016.

## **Master Transaction Agreement**

The master transaction agreement sets forth the agreements between IAC and the Company regarding the principal transactions necessary to separate our business from IAC, as well as govern certain aspects of our relationship with IAC post IPO. Under the master transaction agreement, the Company agrees to assume all of the assets and liabilities related to its business and agrees to indemnify IAC against any losses arising out of any breach by the Company of the master transaction agreement or the other transaction related agreements described below. IAC also agrees to indemnify the Company against losses arising out of any breach by IAC of the master transaction agreement or any of the other transaction related agreements.

## **Investor Rights Agreement**

Under the investor rights agreement, the Company provides IAC with (i) specified registration and other rights relating to its shares of our common stock and (ii) anti-dilution rights. See "Note 9—Shareholders' Equity" for additional information on the anti-dilution rights.

## Tax Sharing Agreement

The tax sharing agreement governs the rights, responsibilities, and obligations of the Company and IAC with respect to tax liabilities and benefits, entitlements to refunds, preparation of tax returns, tax contests and other tax matters regarding U.S. federal, state, local and foreign income taxes. Under the tax sharing agreement, the Company is generally responsible and required to indemnify IAC for: (i) all taxes imposed with respect to any consolidated, combined or unitary tax return of IAC or one of its subsidiaries that includes the Company or any of our subsidiaries to the extent attributable to the Company or any of our subsidiaries, as determined under the tax sharing agreement, and (ii) all taxes imposed with respect to any of the Company's subsidiaries' consolidated, combined, unitary or separate tax returns.

At December 31, 2016, the Company had a tax receivable of \$9.0 million due from IAC pursuant to the tax sharing agreement, which is included in "Other current assets" in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. Payments made to IAC during 2016 pursuant to this agreement were \$19.9 million.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Services Agreement

The services agreement governs services that IAC provides to the Company including, among others: (i) assistance with certain legal, finance, internal audit, treasury, information technology support, insurance and tax affairs, including assistance with certain public company reporting obligations; (ii) payroll processing services; (iii) tax compliance services; and (iv) such other services as to which IAC and the Company may agree. In addition, under the services agreement the Company provides IAC informational technology services and such other services as to which IAC and the Company may agree. The services agreement had an initial term of one year from the date of the IPO, and provides for automatic renewals for additional one year periods, subject to IAC's continued ownership of a majority of the combined voting power of the Company's voting stock.

## **Employee Matters Agreement**

The employee matters agreement covers a wide range of compensation and benefit issues related to the allocation of liabilities associated with: (i) employment or termination of employment, (ii) employee benefit plans and (iii) equity awards. Under the employee matters agreement, the Company's employees participate in IAC's U.S. health and welfare plans, 401(k) plan and flexible benefits plan and the Company reimburses IAC for the costs of such participation. In the event IAC no longer retains shares representing at least 80% of the aggregate voting power of shares entitled to vote in the election of the Company's Board of Directors, Match Group will no longer participate in IAC's employee benefit plans, but will establish its own employee benefit plans that will be substantially similar to the plans sponsored by IAC.

The employee matters agreement also requires the Company to reimburse IAC for the cost of any IAC equity awards held by Match Group's employees and former employees and that IAC may elect to receive payment either in cash or the Company common stock. With respect to equity awards in the Company's subsidiaries, IAC may require those awards to be settled in either shares of IAC's common stock or in shares of the Company's common stock and, to the extent shares of IAC common stock are issued in settlement, the Company will reimburse IAC for the cost of those shares by issuing to IAC additional shares of the Company's common stock.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, 1.0 million shares of Company common stock were issued to IAC pursuant to the employee matters agreement; 0.5 million of which were issued as reimbursement for shares of IAC common stock issued in connection with the exercise and settlement of equity awards denominated in shares of a subsidiary of the Company; and 0.5 million of which were issued as reimbursement for shares of IAC common stock issued in connection with the exercise and vesting of IAC equity awards held by Company employees.

## IAC Subordinated Loan Facility

Prior to the IPO, the Company entered into an uncommitted subordinated loan facility with IAC (the "IAC Subordinated Loan Facility"), which allows the Company to make one or more requests to IAC to borrow funds from it. If IAC agrees to fulfill any such borrowing request from the Company, such indebtedness will be incurred in accordance with the terms of the IAC Subordinated Loan Facility. Any indebtedness outstanding under the IAC Subordinated Loan Facility will be by its terms subordinated in right of payment to the obligations under the Match Group Credit Agreement and the Match Group Senior Notes, and will bear interest at the applicable rate set forth in the pricing grid in the Match Group Credit Agreement, which rate is based on the Company's consolidated net leverage ratio at the time of borrowing, plus an additional amount to be agreed upon. The IAC Subordinated Loan Facility has a scheduled final maturity date of no earlier than 90 days after the maturity date of the Match Group Credit Facility or the latest maturity date in respect of any class of Term Loans outstanding under the Match Group Credit Agreement. At December 31, 2016, the Company had no indebtedness outstanding under the IAC Subordinated Loan Facility.

## Relationship with IAC pre-IPO

For periods prior to the IPO, the Company's consolidated and combined statement of operations includes allocations of general and administrative costs, including stock-based compensation expense, related to IAC's accounting, treasury, legal, tax, corporate support and internal audit functions. These allocations were based on Match Group's revenue as a percentage of IAC's total revenue. Allocated general and administrative costs, inclusive of stock-based compensation expense, were \$6.9 million and \$6.6 million in the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and are included in "General and administrative expense" in the accompanying consolidated and combined statement of operations. It is not practicable to

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

determine the actual expenses that would have been incurred for these services had the Company operated as a stand-alone entity. Management considers the allocation method to be reasonable.

The Company and IAC entered into certain arrangements in the ordinary course of business, for: (i) the leasing of office space for certain of our businesses at properties owned by IAC, for which we paid IAC approximately \$1.7 million and \$1.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and (ii) the subleasing of space in a data center from an IAC subsidiary, for which we paid such IAC subsidiary approximately \$1.2 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The portion of interest income reflected in the consolidated and combined statement of operations that is intercompany in nature was \$3.8 million and \$2.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The following summarizes the components of the net (increase)/decrease in IAC's investment in the Match Group prior to the IPO for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	 Decem	ıber 3	1,
	 2015		2014
Capital contribution from IAC to partially fund the acquisition of PlentyOfFish	\$ (155,000)	\$	_
Cash transfers to IAC related to its centrally managed U.S. treasury management function, acquisitions and cash expenses paid by IAC on behalf of Match Group, net	126,275		165,782
Taxes	(57,041)		(54,761)
Interest income (expense), net (a)	3,813		(12,936)
Allocation of general and administrative expense	(6,898)		(6,648)
Net (increase) decrease in IAC's investment in the Match Group	\$ (88,851)	\$	91,437

(a) Does not include long-term debt, related party.

## Dividend to IAC

During the fourth quarter of 2015, the Company made a dividend to IAC in the amount of \$1.5 billion, of which \$1.0 billion was paid in cash and \$445.3 million was assumed in the Match Exchange Offer. See "Note 8—Long-Term Debt" for additional information on this note exchange.

## NOTE 18—BENEFIT PLANS

Match Group employees are eligible to participate in a retirement savings plan sponsored by IAC in the United States, which is qualified under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Under the IAC/InterActiveCorp Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan"), participating employees may contribute up to 50% of their pre-tax earnings, but not more than statutory limits. The employer match under the Plan is fifty cents for each dollar a participant contributes in this Plan, with a maximum contribution of 3% of a participant's eligible earnings, but not more than statutory limits. Matching contributions are invested in the same manner as each participant's voluntary contributions in the investment options provided under the Plan. An investment option in the Plan is IAC common stock, but neither participant nor matching contributions are required to be invested in IAC common stock. Matching contributions under the Plan for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 were \$2.4 million, \$2.1 million and \$1.6 million, respectively. The increase in matching contributions in 2016 is due primarily to an increase in participation in the Plan due to increased headcount. The increase in matching contributions in 2015 was due primarily to an increase in participation in the Plan due to acquisitions and increased headcount.

Internationally, Match Group also has or participates in various benefit plans, primarily defined contribution plans. The Company's contributions for these plans for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 were \$1.9 million, \$2.0 million, and \$2.1 million, respectively.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## NOTE 19—STREAMLINING OF TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS AND CONSOLIDATION OF EUROPEAN OPERATIONS

The Company has been in the process of modernizing and streamlining its underlying Dating technology infrastructure that supports both its mobile and desktop platforms, as well as consolidating its European operations from seven principal locations down to three. The project is complete at December 31, 2016. For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company incurred \$4.9 million in costs related to this project, compared to \$16.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2015. A summary of the costs incurred, payments made and the related accruals at December 31, 2016 and 2015 is presented below.

		D	December 31, 2016	
	 Severance	Pı	rofessional Fees & Other	Total
			(In thousands)	
Accrual as of January 1	\$ 3,013	\$	564	\$ 3,577
Charges incurred	345		4,576	4,921
Payments made	(2,404)		(4,844)	(7,248)
Accrual as of December 31	\$ 954	\$	296	\$ 1,250

		D	ecember 31, 2015	
	Severance	Total		
			(In thousands)	
Accrual as of January 1	\$ 795	\$	933	\$ 1,728
Charges incurred	8,350		8,417	16,767
Payments made	(6,132)		(8,786)	(14,918)
Accrual as of December 31	\$ 3,013	\$	564	\$ 3,577

The costs are allocated as follows in the statement of operations:

	Year Ended December 31,				
		2016		2015	
		(In thousands)			
Cost of revenue	\$	566	\$	2,947	
Selling and marketing expense		560		1,678	
General and administrative expense		1,647		8,160	
Product development expense		2,148		3,982	
Total	\$	4,921	\$	16,767	

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December 31,

## NOTE 20—CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENT DETAILS

				2016		2015
Other current assets:						
Prepaid expenses			\$	14,382	\$	18,983
Other				29,083		20,066
Other current assets			\$	43,465	\$	39,049
				Decem	ber 31,	
				2016		2015
				(In tho	usands)	
Property and equipment, net:						
Computer equipment and capitalized software			\$	120,906	\$	100,325
Leasehold improvements				20,742		11,342
Furniture and other equipment				5,788		4,040
Projects in progress				6,787		3,004
				154,223		118,711
Accumulated depreciation and amortization				(84,495)		(70,644)
Property and equipment, net			\$	69,728	\$	48,067
				Decem	ber 31,	
				2016		2015
				(In tho	usands)	
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities:						
Accrued employee compensation and benefits			\$	35,135	\$	30,012
Accrued advertising expense				20,812		23,201
Contingent consideration				18,972		_
Other				42,572		65,343
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities			\$	117,491	\$	118,556
		,	Years I	Ended December 31	l <b>,</b>	
		2016		2015		2014
			(	In thousands)		
Other income (expense), net:						
Foreign currency exchange gains, net	\$	19,955	\$	2,387	\$	2,583
Foreign currency exchange gain related to Euro denominated long-term debt - related party		_		7,558		8,307
Interest income		633		4,715		2,898
Other		(12,696)		(2,773)		(1,178)
Other income, net	\$	7,892	\$	11,887	\$	12,610
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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## NOTE 21—QUARTERLY RESULTS (UNAUDITED)

Quarter Ended March 31			Quarter Ended June 30		Quarter Ended September 30	Quarter Ended December 31	
			(In thousands, ex	cept p	per share data)		
\$	285,283	\$	301,119	\$	316,447	\$	319,677
	53,677		56,547		61,161		62,561
	29,188		73,668		91,754		111,298
	7,219		34,101		56,704		73,989
	7,152		34,078		56,410		73,811
older	rs:						
\$	0.03	\$	0.14	\$	0.22	\$	0.29
\$	0.03	\$	0.13	\$	0.21	\$	0.27
\$	235,069	\$	248,817	\$	268,971	\$	267,574
	38,953		44,529		47,636		46,870
	27,040		40,522		58,356		67,638
	25,880		23,431		35,437		35,739
	26,206		23,325		35,259		35,593
older	·s:						
\$	0.16	\$	0.14	\$	0.21	\$	0.17
\$	0.16	\$	0.14	\$	0.20	\$	0.16
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<sup>(</sup>a) Quarterly per share amounts may not add to the related annual per share amount because of differences in the average common shares outstanding during each period.

## Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

Not applicable.

## Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

#### Conclusion Regarding the Effectiveness of the Company's Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company monitors and evaluates on an ongoing basis its disclosure controls and procedures in order to improve their overall effectiveness. In the course of these evaluations, the Company modifies and refines its internal processes as conditions warrant.

As required by Rule 13a-15(b) of the Exchange Act, Match Group management, including the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), conducted an evaluation, as of the end of the period covered by this report, of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e). Based on this evaluation, the CEO and the CFO concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.

## Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) for the Company. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016. In making this assessment, our management used the criteria for effective internal control over financial reporting described in "Internal Control—Integrated Framework" issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in 2013. Based on this assessment, management has determined that, as of December 31, 2016, the Company's internal control over financial reporting is effective. The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016 has been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their attestation report, included herein.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

#### **Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

The Company monitors and evaluates on an ongoing basis its internal control over financial reporting in order to improve its overall effectiveness. In the course of these evaluations, the Company modifies and refines its internal processes as conditions warrant. As required by Rule 13a-15(d), Match Group management, including the CEO and the CFO, also conducted an evaluation of the Company's internal control over financial reporting to determine whether any changes occurred during the quarter ended December 31, 2016 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Based on that evaluation, there has been no such change during the quarter ended December 31, 2016.

#### Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Shareholders of Match Group, Inc.

We have audited Match Group, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) (the COSO criteria). Match Group, Inc.'s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Match Group, Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet of Match Group, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related consolidated and combined statements of operations, comprehensive operations, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2016 and our report dated February 28, 2017 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

New York, New York February 28, 2017

## Item 9B. Other Information

Not applicable.

#### PART III

The information required by Part III (Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14) has been incorporated by reference to Match Group's definitive Proxy Statement to be used in connection with its 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "2017 Proxy Statement"), as set forth below in accordance with General Instruction G(3) of Form 10-K

## Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

The information required by Items 401 and 405 of Regulation S-K relating to directors and executive officers of Match Group and their compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act is set forth in the sections entitled "Information Concerning Director Nominees" and "Information Concerning Match Group Executive Officers Who Are Not Directors," and "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance," respectively, in the 2017 Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference. The information required by Item 406 of Regulation S-K relating to Match Group's Code of Ethics is set forth under the caption "Part I-Item 1-Business-Additional Information-Code of ethics" of this annual report and is incorporated herein by reference. The information required by subsections (c)(3), (d)(4) and (d)(5) of Item 407 of Regulation S-K is set forth in the sections entitled "Corporate Governance" and "The Board and Board Committees" in the 2017 Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

## **Item 11. Executive Compensation**

The information required by Item 402 of Regulation S-K relating to executive and director compensation is set forth in the sections entitled "Executive Compensation" and "Director Compensation" in the 2017 Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference. The information required by subsections (e)(4) and (e)(5) of Item 407 of Regulation S-K relating to certain compensation committee matters is set forth in the sections entitled "The Board and Board Committees," "Compensation Committee Report" and "Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation" in the 2017 Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference; provided, that the information set forth in the section entitled "Compensation Committee Report" shall be deemed furnished herein and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

## Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

The information regarding ownership of Match Group common stock and Class B common stock required by Item 403 of Regulation S-K and securities authorized for issuance under Match Group's various equity compensation plans required by Item 201(d) of Regulation S-K is set forth in the sections entitled "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" and "Equity Compensation Plan Information," respectively, in the 2017 Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

Information regarding certain relationships and related transactions involving Match Group required by Item 404 of Regulation S-K and director independence determinations required by Item 407(a) of Regulation S-K is set forth in the sections entitled "Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions" and "Corporate Governance," respectively, in the 2017 Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services

Information required by Item 9(e) of Schedule 14A regarding the fees and services of Match Group's independent registered public accounting firm and the pre-approval policies and procedures applicable to services provided to Match Group by such firm is set forth in the sections entitled "Fees Paid to Our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" and "Audit and Non-Audit Services Pre-Approval Policy," respectively, in the 2017 Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

## PART IV

#### Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

## (a) List of documents filed as part of this Report:

## (1) Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements of Match Group, Inc.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm: Ernst & Young LLP.

Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Consolidated and Combined Statement of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014.

Consolidated and Combined Statement of Comprehensive Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014.

Consolidated and Combined Statement of Shareholders' Equity for the Years Ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014.

Consolidated and Combined Statement of Cash Flows for the Years Ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014.

Notes to Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements.

## (2) Consolidated and Combined Financial Statement Schedule of Match Group, Inc.

Schedule Number	
II	Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

All other financial statements and schedules not listed have been omitted since the required information is either included in the Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements or the notes thereto, is not applicable or is not required.

## EXHIBIT INDEX

The documents set forth below, numbered in accordance with Item 601 of Regulation S-K, are filed herewith, incorporated by reference herein by reference to the location indicated or furnished herewith.

Exhibit No.	Description	Location
2.1	Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of July 13, 2015, by and among Match.com Inc., Plentyoffish Media Inc., Markus Frind, Markus Frind Family Trust No. 2, and Frind Enterprises Ltd.	Exhibit 2.1 to IAC/InterActiveCorp's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on July 17, 2015.
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Match Group, Inc.	Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on November 24, 2015.
3.2	Amended and Restated By-laws of Match Group, Inc.	Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on November 24, 2015.
4.1	Indenture, dated November 16, 2015, between Match Group, Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee.	Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, filed on March 28, 2016.
4.2	Indenture, dated June 1, 2016, between Match Group, Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee.	Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on June 2, 2016.
4.3	Investor Rights Agreement, dated as of November 24, 2015, by and between Match Group, Inc. and IAC/InterActiveCorp.	Exhibit 4.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on November 24, 2015.
10.1	Master Transaction Agreement, dated as of November 24, 2015, by and between Match Group, Inc. and IAC/InterActiveCorp.	Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on November 24, 2015.
10.2	Employee Matters Agreement, dated as of November 24, 2015, by and between Match Group, Inc. and IAC/InterActiveCorp.	Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on November 24, 2015.
10.3	Amendment No. 1 to the Employee Matters Agreement, dated as of April 13, 2016, by and between Match Group, Inc. and IAC/InterActiveCorp.	Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2016, filed on May 10, 2016.
10.4	Tax Sharing Agreement, dated as of November 24, 2015, by and between Match Group, Inc. and IAC/InterActiveCorp.	Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on November 24, 2015.
10.5	Services Agreement, dated as of November 24, 2015, by and between Match Group, Inc. and IAC/InterActiveCorp.	Exhibit 10.4 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on November 24, 2015.
10.6	Match Group, Inc. 2015 Stock and Annual Incentive Plan.(1)	Exhibit 10.5 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on November 24, 2015.
10.7	Form of Terms and Conditions for Stock Options granted under the Match Group, Inc. 2015 Stock and Annual Incentive Plan.(1)(2)	
10.8	Form of Terms and Conditions for Restricted Stock Units granted under the Match Group, Inc. 2015 Stock and Annual Incentive Plan.(1)(2)	
10.9	Tutor .com, Inc. 2013 Incentive Plan.(1)(2)	
10.10	Summary of Non-Employee Director Compensation Arrangements.(1)	Exhibit 10.9 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, filed on March 28, 2016.
10.11	Amendment No. 3, dated as of December 8, 2016, to the Credit Agreement dated as of October 7, 2015, as amended and restated as of November 16, 2015, as further amended as of December 16, 2015, among Match Group, Inc., as borrower, the Lenders party thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and the other parties thereto.(3)	Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on December 8, 2016.
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10.12	Employment Agreement between Gregory R. Blatt and the Registrant, dated as of April 27, 2016.(1)(2)	
10.13	Employment Agreement between Jared F. Sine and the Registrant, dated as of July 5, 2016.(1)	Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2016, filed on November 7, 2016.
21.1	Subsidiaries of the Registrant as of December 31, 2016.(2)	
23.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.(2)	
31.1	Certification of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.(2)	
31.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.(2)	
32.1	Certification of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.(4)	
32.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.(4)	
101.INS	XBRL Instance	
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema	
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation	
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition	
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels	
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation	

- (1) Reflects management contracts and management and director compensatory plans.
- (2) Filed herewith.
- (3) Certain schedules and similar attachments have been omitted and the Registrant hereby agrees to furnish a copy of any omitted schedule or similar attachment to the SEC upon request.
- (4) Furnished herewith.

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

February 28, 2017

MATCH GROUP, INC.

: /s/ GARY SWIDLER

Gary Swidler

Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities indicated on February 28, 2017 :

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
/s/ GREGORY R. BLATT	Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Gregory R. Blatt	
/s/ GARY SWIDLER	Chief Financial Officer
Gary Swidler	<del></del>
/s/ MICHAEL H. SCHWERDTMAN	Vice President and Principal Accounting Officer
Michael H. Schwerdtman	
/s/ SONALI DE RYCKER	Director
Sonali De Rycker	
/s/ JOSEPH LEVIN	Director
Joseph Levin	
/s/ ANN L. McDANIEL	Director
Ann L. McDaniel	
/s/ THOMAS J. McINERNEY	Director
Thomas J. McInerney	
/s/ GLENN H. SCHIFFMAN	Director
Glenn H. Schiffman	
/s/ PAMELA S. SEYMON	Director
Pamela S. Seymon	
/s/ ALAN G. SPOON	Director
Alan G. Spoon	
/s/ MARK STEIN	Director
Mark Stein	
/s/ GREGG WINIARSKI	Director
Gregg Winiarski	
/s/ SAM YAGAN	Vice Chairman of the Board (non-executive) and Director
Sam Yagan	

## VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

<u>Description</u>	Balance at nning of Period	Charges to Earnings			Charges to her Accounts	5 Deductions				Balance at End of Period	
				(In	thousands)						
2016											
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 1,739	\$ 112	(a)	\$	28		\$	(949)	(d)	\$	930
Deferred tax valuation allowance	23,244	(419)	(b)		1,059	(c)		_			23,884
Other reserves	2,514										2,822
2015											
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 1,133	\$ 656	(a)	\$	87		\$	(137)	(d)	\$	1,739
Deferred tax valuation allowance	24,805	300	(e)		(1,861)	(f)		_			23,244
Other reserves	2,098										2,514
2014											
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 856	\$ 114	(a)	\$	384		\$	(221)	(d)	\$	1,133
Deferred tax valuation allowance	23,202	1,286	(g)		317	(h)		_			24,805
Other reserves	2,203										2,098

<sup>(</sup>a) Additions to the allowance for doubtful accounts are charged to expense.

<sup>(</sup>b) Amount is primarily related to an other-than-temporary impairment charge for a certain cost method investment and an increase in foreign tax credits.

<sup>(</sup>c) Amount is related to the realization of previously unbenefited losses on an available-for-sale marketable equity security included in accumulated other comprehensive loss.

<sup>(</sup>d) Write-off of fully reserved accounts receivable.

<sup>(</sup>e) Amount is primarily related to a net increase in foreign, federal and state net operating losses.

<sup>(</sup>f) Amount is primarily related to the decrease in unbenefited unrealized losses on an available-for-sale marketable equity security included in accumulated other comprehensive loss and currency translation adjustments on foreign net operating losses.

<sup>(</sup>g) Amount is primarily related to federal net operating losses.

<sup>(</sup>h) Amount is primarily related to the increase in unbenefited unrealized losses on a long-term marketable equity security included in accumulated other comprehensive loss, partially offset by currency translation adjustments on foreign net operating losses.

# Terms and Conditions for Stock Options Granted Under the Match Group, Inc. 2015 Stock and Annual Incentive Plan

## Overview

These Terms and Conditions apply to the grant to you by Match Group, Inc. ("Match" or the "Company") pursuant to Section 5 of the Match 2015 Stock and Annual Incentive Plan (the "2015 Plan") of the right and option (the "Stock Options") to purchase the number of shares of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"), set forth in your award notice (the "Award Notice" and together with these Terms and Conditions, the "Award Agreement") at the exercise price per share set forth in the Award Notice. The Stock Options shall be Nonqualified Options. Unless earlier terminated pursuant to the terms of your Award Agreement or the Plan, the Stock Options shall expire on the ten year anniversary of your Award Date (the "Expiration Date"). All capitalized terms used herein, to the extent not defined, shall have the meanings set forth in the 2015 Plan.

## **Continuous Service**

In order for your Stock Options to vest, you must be continuously employed by Match or one of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates during the Restriction Period (as defined below). Nothing in this Award Agreement or the 2015 Plan shall confer upon you any right to continue in the employ or service of Match or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates or interfere in any way with their rights to terminate your employment or service at any time.

## Vesting

Subject to this Award Agreement and the Plan, your Stock Options shall vest and become exercisable (such period prior to vesting is the "Restriction Period") as specified in your Award Notice.

## Method of Exercise; Payment of the Exercise Price

The portion of your Stock Options that is vested may be exercised by delivering to the Company or the agent selected by Match to administer the 2015 Plan (the "Agent") a written (including by way of electronic means) notice stating the number of whole shares to be purchased pursuant to this Award Agreement, accompanied by payment of the full purchase price of the shares of Common Stock to be purchased. Your Stock Options may not be exercised at any one time as to fewer than 100 shares (or such number of shares as to which the Stock Options are then exercisable if less than 100). Fractional share interests shall be disregarded except they may be accumulated.

The exercise price of the Stock Options shall be paid: (i) in cash, by certified check or bank draft payable to the order of the Company or by way of such other instrument as the Company may accept from time to time; (ii) by exchange of shares of unrestricted Common Stock of the Company already owned by you and having an aggregate Fair Market Value equal to the aggregate purchase price (which amount shall be equal to the product of the exercise price multiplied by the number of shares of Common Stock in respect of which the Stock Options are being exercised); provided, that you represent and warrant to the Company that you hold the

shares of Common Stock free and clear of liens and encumbrances; (iii) by delivering, along with a properly executed exercise notice to the Company, a copy of irrevocable instructions to a broker to deliver promptly to the Company the aggregate exercise price and the amount of any applicable federal, state, local and/or foreign withholding taxes required to be withheld by the Company; provided, however, that such exercise must be implemented solely under a program or arrangement established and approved by the Company with a brokerage firm selected by the Company; or (iv) by any other procedure approved by the Committee, or by a combination of the foregoing.

## **Termination of Employment**

The treatment of your Stock Options upon the termination of your employment is set forth in this Award Agreement and the 2015 Plan. Except as provided in this Award Agreement or the Plan, upon any Termination of Employment for any reason, any and all of your unvested Stock Options will be forfeited and canceled in their entirety. Except as set forth below, upon a Termination of Employment, that portion of the Stock Options, if any, which is exercisable at the time of such Termination of Employment may be exercised prior to the first to occur of: (a) the 90th day after such Termination of Employment or (b) the Expiration Date and will thereafter be forfeited and canceled.

If: (i) your employment is terminated by Match or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates for Cause or if you resign in anticipation of being terminated for Cause or (ii) if following any Termination of Employment for any reason, Match becomes aware that during the two (2) years prior to such Termination of Employment there was an event or circumstance that would have been grounds for termination for Cause that caused or is reasonably likely to cause meaningful damage (economic, reputational or otherwise) to Match and/or any of its Affiliates (the "Underlying Event"), then: (a) all of your Stock Options (whether or not vested) shall be forfeited and canceled in their entirety and (b) if any portion of your Stock Options were exercised after the Underlying Event, then Match shall be entitled to recover from you at any time within two (2) years after such exercise(s), and you shall pay over to Match, any gain realized as a result of such exercise(s). This remedy shall be without prejudice to, or waiver of, any other remedies Match and/or its Affiliates may have in such event.

In the event of a Termination of Employment due to your death, that portion of the Stock Options, if any, which is exercisable at the time of death may be exercised by your estate or by a person who acquired the right to exercise such Stock Options by bequest or inheritance or otherwise by reason of your death at any time prior to the first to occur of: (a) the first anniversary of the date of death or (b) the Expiration Date and will thereafter be forfeited and canceled. In the event of a Termination of Employment due to your Disability or Retirement, that portion of the Stock Options, if any, which is exercisable at the time of such Termination of Employment for Disability or Retirement may be exercised by you or your guardian or legal representative at any time prior to the first to occur of: (a) the first anniversary of such Termination of Employment or (b) the Expiration Date and will thereafter be forfeited and canceled.

#### Taxes and Withholding

No later than the date as of which an amount in respect of the Stock Options first becomes includible in your gross income for federal, state, local or foreign income or employment or other tax purposes, you shall pay to the Company or make arrangements satisfactory to the Committee regarding payment of any federal, state, local and/or foreign taxes of any kind required by law to be withheld with respect to such amount and the Company shall, to the extent permitted or required by law, have the right to deduct from any payment of any kind otherwise due to you (either directly or indirectly through its agent), federal, state, local and foreign taxes of any kind required by law to be withheld. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall be entitled to hold the shares issuable to you upon the exercise of your Stock Options (or the related proceeds) until the Company or the Agent has received from you: (i) a duly executed Form W-9 or W-8, as applicable and (ii) payment for any federal, state, local and/or foreign taxes of any kind required by law to be withheld with respect to such Stock Options.

Payment for any federal, state, local and/or foreign taxes of any kind may be made in the same manner as payment for the exercise price (as described above).

#### **Change in Control**

"Change in Control" is defined as set forth in the 2015 Plan. The vesting of your Stock Options will not be accelerated upon a Change in Control of Match. However, in the event you cease to be employed by either Match or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates within the two (2) year period following a Change in Control of Match as a result of: (i) a termination by Match or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates without Cause or (ii) a resignation by you for Good Reason, then upon the occurrence of such event, 100% of your unvested Stock Options shall automatically vest.

In addition, following a Termination of Employment under these circumstances, your Stock Options may be exercised through the later of: (i) the last date on which the Stock Options would be exercisable in the absence of a Change in Control and (ii) the earlier of: (A) the first anniversary of the Change in Control and (B) the Expiration Date and will thereafter be forfeited and canceled. For the avoidance of doubt, the Disaffiliation of the Subsidiary, Affiliate or division of Match by which you are employed or for which you are performing services at the time of such sale or other disposition by Match shall be considered a Termination of Employment (not a Change in Control) and shall be governed by the applicable provisions of this Award Agreement and the 2015 Plan; provided, that the Committee or the Board may deem it appropriate to make an equitable adjustment to your Stock Options in such case.

#### Non-Transferability of Stock Options

Your Stock Options are non-transferable (including by way of sale, assignment, exchange, encumbrance, pledge, hedge or otherwise) by you other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution or pursuant to a qualified domestic relations order, and your Stock Options may be exercised, during your lifetime, only by you or by your guardian or legal representative or any transferee described above.

#### No Rights as a Stockholder

Neither you nor any transferee of your Stock Options shall have rights as a stockholder (including the right to vote the shares underlying your Stock Options and the right to receive dividends) with respect to any shares covered by such Stock Options until you or your transferee: (i) has given written notice of exercise, (ii) if requested, has given the representation described in Section 14(a) of the Plan and (iii) has paid in full for the shares issuable upon exercise.

### Payment of Transfer Taxes, Fees and Other Expenses

The Company agrees to pay any and all original issue taxes and stock transfer taxes that may be imposed on the issuance of shares acquired pursuant to exercise of your Stock Options, together with any and all other fees and expenses necessarily incurred by the Company in connection therewith. Notwithstanding the foregoing, you shall be solely responsible for any other taxes (including, without limitation, federal, state, local or foreign income taxes, social security, Medicare and/or other similar taxes and/or estate or excise taxes) that may be payable as a result of your participation in the Plan or as a result of the exercise of your Stock Options and/or the sale, disposition or transfer of any shares of Common Stock acquired upon the exercise of your Stock Options.

#### **Other Restrictions**

The exercise of your Stock Options shall be subject to the requirement that, if at any time the Committee shall determine that: (i) the listing, approval, registration or other qualification of the shares of Common Stock subject or related thereto upon any securities exchange or under any state or federal law or (ii) the consent or approval or permit of any government regulatory body, is necessary or desirable as a condition of, or in connection with, such exercise or the delivery or purchase of shares pursuant thereto, then in any such event, the exercise shall not be effective unless such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval shall have been effected or obtained free of any conditions not acceptable to the Committee.

# **Conflicts and Interpretation**

In the event of any conflict between this Award Agreement and the 2015 Plan, the 2015 Plan shall control; provided, that an action or provision that is permissive under the terms of the 2015 Plan, and required under this Award Agreement, shall not be deemed a conflict and this Award Agreement shall control. In the event of any ambiguity in this Award Agreement, or any matters as to which this Award Agreement is silent, the 2015 Plan shall govern, including, without limitation, the provisions thereof pursuant to which the Committee has the power, among others, to: (i) interpret the 2015 Plan, (ii) prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the 2015 Plan and (iii) make all other determinations deemed necessary or advisable for the administration of the 2015 Plan. In the event of any conflict between this Award Agreement (or any other information posted on Match's extranet or given to you directly through the Agent and Match's books and records, or (ii) ambiguity in this Award Agreement (or any other information posted on Match's extranet or given to you directly or indirectly through the Agent, Match's books and records shall control.

#### Amendment

Match may modify, amend or waive the terms of your Stock Options, prospectively or retroactively, but no such modification, amendment or waiver shall materially impair your rights without your consent, except as required by applicable law, NASDAQ or stock exchange rules, tax rules or accounting rules. The waiver by either party of compliance with any provision of this Award Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other provision hereof.

#### **Data Protection**

The acceptance of your Stock Options constitutes your authorization of the release from time to time to Match or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates and to the Agent (together, the "Relevant Companies") of any and all personal or professional data that is necessary or desirable for the administration of your Stock Options and/or the Plan (the "Relevant Information"). Without limiting the above, this authorization permits your employing company to collect, process, register and transfer to the Relevant Companies all Relevant Information (including any professional and personal data that may be useful or necessary for the purposes of the administration of your Stock Options and/or the Plan and/or to implement or structure any further grants of equity awards (if any)). The acceptance of your Stock Options also constitutes your authorization of the transfer of the Relevant Information to any jurisdiction in which Match, your employing company or the Agent considers appropriate. You shall have access to, and the right to change, the Relevant Information, which will only be used in accordance with applicable law

# Terms and Conditions for Restricted Stock Units Granted Under the Match Group, Inc. 2015 Stock and Annual Incentive Plan

#### Overview

These Terms and Conditions apply to your award of restricted stock units (the "Award") granted pursuant to Section 7 of the Match Group, Inc. 2015 Stock and Annual Incentive Plan (the "2015 Plan"). You were notified of your Award by way of an award notice (the "Award Notice"). All capitalized terms used herein, to the extent not defined, shall have the meanings set forth in 2015 Plan.

#### **Continuous Service**

In order for your Award to vest, you must be continuously employed by Match Group, Inc. ("Match") or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates during the Restriction Period (as defined below). Nothing in your Award Notice, these Terms and Conditions or the 2015 Plan shall confer upon you any right to continue in the employ or service of Match or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates or interfere in any way with their rights to terminate your employment or service at any time.

#### Vesting

Subject to these Terms and Conditions and the 2015 Plan, the restricted stock units ("RSUs") in respect of your Award shall vest and no longer be subject to any restriction (such period during which such restriction applies is the "Restriction Period") as specified in your Award Notice.

#### **Termination of Employment**

The treatment of the RSUs in respect of your Award upon the termination of your employment is set forth in these Terms and Conditions and the 2015 Plan. Except as set forth in your Award Notice, employment agreement (if applicable) or below, upon any termination of your employment with Match or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates during the Restriction Period for any reason (including, for the avoidance of doubt, due to your death or Disability) any unvested portion of your Award shall be forfeited and canceled in its entirety effective immediately upon such event.

If: (i) your employment is terminated for Cause or if you resign in anticipation of being terminated for Cause or (ii) following any termination of your employment for any reason, Match becomes aware that during the two (2) years prior to such termination of employment there was an event or circumstance that would have been grounds for termination for Cause that caused or is reasonably likely to cause meaningful damage (economic, reputational or otherwise) to Match and/or any of its Affiliates (the "Underlying Event") (and which would not have been curable upon notice), then: (a) your Award (whether or not vested) shall be forfeited and canceled in its entirety and (b) if your Award vested after the Underlying Event, then Match shall be entitled to recover from you at any time within two (2) years after such vesting, and you shall pay over to Match, any amounts realized as a result of such vesting. This remedy shall be without prejudice to, or waiver of, any other remedies Match and/or its Subsidiaries and/or its Affiliates may have in such event.

# Settlement

Subject to your satisfaction of the tax obligations described immediately below under "Taxes and Withholding," as soon as practicable after any RSUs in respect of your Award have vested and are no longer subject to the Restriction Period, such RSUs shall be settled. For each RSU settled, Match shall: (i) if you are employed within the United States, issue one share of Common Stock for each RSU vesting or (ii) if you are employed outside the United States, pay, or cause to be paid, to you an amount of cash equal to the Fair Market Value of one share of Common Stock for each RSU vesting. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Match shall be entitled to hold the shares or cash issuable to you upon settlement of all RSUs that have vested until Match or the agent selected by Match to administer the 2015 Plan (the "Agent") has received from you: (i) a duly executed Form W-9 or W-8, as applicable or (ii) payment for any federal, state, local or foreign taxes of any kind required by law to be withheld with respect to such RSUs.

#### Taxes and Withholding

No later than the date as of which an amount in respect of any RSUs first becomes includible in your gross income for federal, state, local or foreign income or employment or other tax purposes, Match or its Subsidiaries and/or Affiliates shall, unless prohibited by law, have the right to deduct any federal, state, local or foreign taxes of any kind required by law to be withheld with respect to such amount due to you, including deducting such amount from the delivery of shares or cash issued upon settlement of the RSUs that gives rise to the withholding requirement. In the event shares are deducted to cover tax withholdings, the number of shares withheld shall generally have a Fair Market Value equal to the aggregate amount of Match's withholding obligation. If the event that any such deduction and/or withholding is prohibited by law, you shall, prior to or contemporaneously with the vesting or your RSUs, pay to Match, or make arrangements satisfactory to Match regarding the payment of, any federal, state, local or foreign taxes of any kind required by law to be withheld with respect to such amount.

## **Change in Control**

Change in Control. "Change in Control" is defined as set forth in the Plan. The vesting of your Award will not be accelerated upon a Change in Control of Match. However, in the event that you cease to be employed within the two (2) year period following a Change in Control of Match as a result of: (i) a termination without Cause or (ii) your resignation for Good Reason, then 100% of your Award shall vest in one lump sum installment as of the date of such event. The Disaffiliation of the business or subsidiary of Match by which you are employed or for which you are performing services at the time of such sale or other disposition by Match shall be considered a Termination of Employment (not a Change in Control of Match) and shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the 2015 Plan and the provision set forth under the caption "Termination of Employment" above; provided, however, that the Committee or the Board may deem it appropriate to make an equitable adjustment to the number of RSUs and the number and kind of shares of Common Stock underlying the RSUs underlying your Award.

# Non-Transferability of the RSUs

Until such time as your RSUs are ultimately settled, they shall not be transferable by you by means of sale, assignment, exchange, encumbrance, pledge, hedge or otherwise.

#### No Rights as a Stockholder

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the 2015 Plan, unless and until your RSUs are settled, you shall not be entitled to any rights of a stockholder with respect to the RSUs (including the right to vote the shares underlying your RSUs and the right to receive dividends).

#### **Other Restrictions**

The RSUs shall be subject to the requirement that, if at any time the Committee shall determine that: (i) the listing, registration or other qualification of the shares of Common Stock subject or related thereto upon any securities exchange or under any state or federal law, or (ii) the consent or approval or permit of any government regulatory body, is necessary or desirable as a condition of (or in connection with) the delivery of shares, then in any such event, the award of RSUs shall not be effective unless such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval shall have been effected or obtained free of any conditions not acceptable to the Committee.

#### **Conflicts and Interpretation**

In the event of any conflict between these Terms and Conditions and the 2015 Plan, the 2015 Plan shall control; *provided*, that an action or provision that is permissive under the terms of the 2015 Plan, and required under these Terms and Conditions, shall not be deemed a conflict and these Terms and Conditions shall control. In the event of any ambiguity in these Terms and Conditions, or any matters as to which these Terms and Conditions are silent, the 2015 Plan shall govern including, without limitation, the provisions thereof pursuant to which the Committee has the power, among others, to: (i) interpret the 2015 Plan, (ii) prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the 2015 Plan and (iii) make all other determinations deemed necessary or advisable for the administration of the 2015 Plan. In the event of any conflict between your Award Notice (or any other information posted on Match's extranet or given to you directly through the Agent and Match's books and records, or (ii) ambiguity in the Award Notice (or any other information posted on Match's extranet or given to you directly or indirectly through the Agent, Match's books and records shall control.

#### Amendment

Match may modify, amend or waive the terms of your RSUs, prospectively or retroactively, but no such modification, amendment or waiver shall materially impair your rights without your consent, except as required by applicable law, NASDAQ or stock exchange rules, tax rules or accounting rules.

# **Data Protection**

The acceptance of your RSUs constitutes your authorization of the release from time to time to Match or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates and to the Agent (together, the "Relevant Companies") of any and all personal or professional data that is necessary or desirable for the administration of your RSUs and/or the 2015 Plan (the "Relevant Information"). Without limiting the above, this authorization permits your employing company to collect, process, register and transfer to the Relevant Companies all Relevant Information (including any professional and personal data that may be useful or necessary for the purposes of the administration of your RSUs and/or the 2015 Plan and/or to implement or structure any further grants of equity awards (if any)). The acceptance of your RSUs also constitutes your authorization of the transfer of the Relevant Information to any jurisdiction in which Match, your employing company or the Agent considers appropriate. You shall have access to, and the right to change, the Relevant Information, which will only be used in accordance with applicable law.

#### Section 409A of the Code

Your Award is not intended to constitute "nonqualified deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the rules and regulations issued thereunder ("Section 409A"). However, if (i) any amounts or benefits payable in respect of your Award are determined to be non-qualified deferred compensation within the meaning of Section 409A, (ii) such amounts become payable upon a termination of employment and (iii) you are a "Specified Employee" (as defined under Section 409A) as of the date of your termination of employment, then such amounts or benefits (if any) shall be paid or provided to you in a single lump sum on the earlier of (x) the first day of the seventh month following your termination of employment and (y) your death.

In no event shall Match be required to pay you any "gross-up" or other payment with respect to any taxes or penalties imposed under Section 409A with respect to any amounts or benefits paid to you in respect of your Award.

#### **TUTOR.COM, INC. 2013 INCENTIVE PLAN**

- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of the Tutor.com, Inc. 2013 Incentive Plan (the "Plan") is to retain and motivate certain key employees of Tutor.com, Inc. (the "Company") who regularly, or are expected to regularly, make or influence decisions that affect the long-term success of the Company.
- **2.** <u>Definitions</u>. As used herein, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings respectively provided:
  - (a) "Affiliate" with respect to an entity means an entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with such entity.
- (b) "Award Agreement" means the written agreement among the Company, IAC and a Participant evidencing the award of SARs or other stock-based awards granted under this Plan and setting forth the terms and conditions thereof.
  - (c) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- (d) "Cause" shall have the meaning, if any, provided in the Participant's employment agreement with the Company, or, if there is no such agreement, (i) the plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, or indictment for, the commission of a felony offense by the Participant; (ii) any act of material dishonesty, malfeasance, negligence, misconduct or breach of fiduciary duty by the Participant in connection with his or her employment with or duties to the Company or any of its subsidiaries or Affiliates (including, without limitation, IAC and its direct and indirect subsidiaries); (iii) commission by the Participant of fraud, misappropriation, theft or embezzlement with respect to the Company's or any of its subsidiaries' or Affiliates' (including, IAC and its direct and indirect subsidiaries) funds or property; (iv) a breach by the Participant of any of the covenants made by the Participant contained in any restrictive covenant agreement to which the Participant is a party; (v) the failure or refusal of the Participant, after written notice thereof from the Company, to (x) perform the duties and responsibilities reasonably required as an employee or other service provider of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or Affiliates (including, without limitation, IAC and its direct and indirect subsidiaries) consistent with his position or (y) act in accordance with specific, reasonable and lawful instructions from the individual to whom the Participant reports or, to the extent applicable, the board of directors of the Company; (vi) a violation by the Participant has caused material loss, damage or injury to or otherwise materially endangered the property, reputation or employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or Affiliates (including, without limitation, IAC and its direct and indirect subsidiaries), other than as a result of the Participant following specific instructions from the individual to whom the Participant reports or, to the extent applicable, the board of directors of the Company.
  - (e) "Change in Control" shall mean:
- (i) The acquisition, in one or more related transactions, by any individual, entity or group, within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d) (2) of the Exchange Act, other than IAC or Barry Diller, and their respective Affiliates (a "Person"), directly or indirectly, of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 50% of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities; provided, however, that for purposes of this subsection (i), the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (1) any acquisition by the Company, (2) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any entity controlled by the Company and (3) any acquisitions by any Person pursuant to a transaction which complies with clauses (A) and (B) of subsection (ii); or
- (ii) The consummation, in one or more related transactions, of a reorganization, merger or consolidation or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the capital stock or assets of the Company or the purchase of assets or stock of another entity (a "Business Combination"), in each case, unless immediately following the Business Combination (A) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the then outstanding combined voting power of the then outstanding securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors of the entity resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, an entity, which as a result of such transaction owns the Company or all or substantially all of the assets of the Company either directly or indirectly through subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportion as their ownership immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities and (B) no Person (excluding IAC, Barry Diller and their respective Affiliates, any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or such entity resulting from such Business Combination) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, more than a majority of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of such entity except to the extent that such ownership of the Company existed prior to the Business Combination.

Notwithstanding paragraphs (i) and (ii) above, in no event shall a Change in Control be deemed to occur under paragraphs (i) and (ii) above if IAC or its Affiliates (or Barry Diller or his Affiliates) maintains a direct or indirect Controlling Interest in the Company or an entity that maintains a Controlling Interest in the Company. A "Controlling Interest" in an entity shall mean (x) beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of (A) more than 50% of the outstanding equity securities of the entity or (B) equity securities representing more than 50% of the voting power of the outstanding equity securities of the entity or (y) voting control of more than 50% of the voting power of the entity.

- (f) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- (g) "Committee" means a committee appointed by the Board from time to administer the Plan and perform the duties set forth in Section 3.
- (h) "Common Stock" means a share of common stock of the Company, par value \$.01 or other common equity of the Company into which the common stock is exchanged or converted.

- (i) "Disability" shall have the meaning, if any, provided in the Participant's employment agreement with the Company, if any, or, if there is no such agreement, shall occur if as a result of the Participant's incapacity due to physical or mental illness, the Participant shall have been absent from the full-time performance of the Participant's duties with the Company for a period of four (4) consecutive months and, within thirty (30) days after written notice is provided to the Participant by the Company, the Participant shall not have returned to the full-time performance of the Participant's duties.
  - (j) "Effective Date" has the meaning specified in Section 16.
  - (k) "Eligible Person" means any Company employee who is selected by the Committee to participate in the Plan.
  - (1) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, and any successor thereto.
- (m) "FMV" means the Committee's reasonable, good faith judgment, determined in accordance with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code, of the fair market value of a share of common stock of the Company, taking into account all relevant factors, including the capital structure of the Company. IAC's determination of FMV shall be based upon valuation methodologies it deems appropriate for the type of business maintained by the Company, which may include but not be limited to (i) discounted cash flows analysis, (ii) comparable companies analysis and (iii) analyst estimates. The determination of FMV shall be determined by reference to the value of 100% of the equity interests of the Company, i.e., it shall not be based on valuations of comparable companies implied by investments for less than 100% of the equity interests of such companies or by reference to publicly-traded companies with small or thinly-traded floats.

  Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that shares of Common Stock are publicly traded on a national securities exchange, FMV shall mean the closing price of a share of Common Stock on the applicable exchange on the date of measurement (or, if not traded on such measurement date, the next preceding date on which such shares of Common Stock were traded).
  - (n) "Grant Date" means the date specified in an Award Agreement on which a Participant is granted one or more SARs under the Plan.
- (o) "Good Reason" shall have the meaning, if any, provided in the Participant's employment agreement with the Company, or, if there is no such agreement, shall mean any of the following without the Participant's written consent, (A) the reduction in such Participant's base salary, or (B) the relocation of such Participant's principal place of employment to a location that is more than 60 miles from the current place of work of the participant; provided, however, that in no event shall such Participant's resignation be for "Good Reason" unless (x) an event or circumstance set forth in clauses (A) through (B) shall have occurred and such Participant provides the Company with written notice thereof within sixty (60) days after such Participant has knowledge of the occurrence or existence of such event or circumstance, which notice specifically identifies the event or circumstance that such Participant believes constitutes Good Reason, (y) the Company fails to correct the circumstance or event so identified within thirty (30) days after the receipt of such notice, and (z) such Participant resigns within ninety (90) days after the date of delivery of the notice referred to in clause (x) above.
  - (p) "IAC" means IAC/InterActiveCorp, the ultimate parent company of the Company.
- (q) "Outstanding Company Voting Securities" means equity securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors or managers, as the case may be.
  - (r) "Participant" means any Eligible Person to whom an award of SARs has been granted under the Plan.
- (s) "Person" means any person or entity, including an individual, trustee, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust, unincorporated organization, business association, firm or governmental authority.
  - (t) "SAR" means a stock appreciation right to be granted hereunder.
  - (u) "Termination of Employment" means a Participant's termination of employment with the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries.

#### 3. Administration of the Plan.

- (a) Administrator. The Plan shall be administered by the Committee, which shall have complete discretion and authority to select Eligible Persons to whom awards may be granted, determine the type of award to be granted (which may include SARs, stock options, restricted stock units or other stock-based awards), interpret and construe the Plan and any awards issued hereunder, decide all questions of eligibility and benefits (including underlying factual determinations), and adjudicate all claims and disputes. In the event the Committee determines to grant awards under the Plan other than SARs, references in the Plan to SARs shall be deemed to refer to the type of award being granted, unless otherwise set forth in the Plan or the Award Agreement for such award. The determination of the Committee on the matters pertaining to the Plan shall be final, binding, and conclusive on all interested parties. If there is no Committee, all references in this Plan or any Award Agreement to the Committee shall be deemed a reference to the Board.
- (b) Administrative Rules. The Committee may (i) adopt, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the Plan; (ii) determine the terms and provisions of the respective awards of SARs, including provisions defining or otherwise relating to (A) the duration of the awards, (B) the effect of termination of employment on continued benefits under the Plan (C) the effect of approved leaves of absence on the rights to benefits under the Plan and (D) the exercise price or grant price applicable to any SAR award; (iii) construe the provisions of the Plan and the respective Award Agreements; and (iv) make all determinations necessary or advisable for administering the Plan. The Committee may correct any defect or supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan or in any Award Agreement in the manner and to the extent it shall deem expedient to carry the Plan or Award Agreement into effect, and it shall be the sole and final judge of such expediency. The determination of the Committee on the matters pertaining to the Plan shall be final, binding, and conclusive on all interested parties.

(c) <u>Good Faith Determinations</u>. No member of the Committee or the Board shall be liable, with respect to the Plan or any Award Agreement, for any act, whether of commission or omission, taken by any other member or by any officer, agent, or employee of IAC or any of its subsidiaries (including the Company), nor, excepting circumstances involving his or her own bad faith, for anything done or omitted to be done by himself.

#### 4. Eligibility and Participation.

- (a) Eligibility and Grant of Awards. Awards may be granted by the Committee to any Eligible Person.
- (b) <u>Effect of Adoption</u>. The adoption of the Plan shall not be deemed to give any person a right to be granted any award under the Plan.

#### 5. SARs.

- (a) <u>Grant of SARs; Number of SARs Issuable</u>. The Committee may grant SARs to such Eligible Persons subject to such terms and conditions as the Committee may determine in its sole discretion. Subject to Section 13, the number of shares of Common Stock underlying SARs that may be issued pursuant to the Plan shall not exceed 168 shares of Common Stock plus the number of shares of Common Stock underlying SARs issued under the 2012 Tutor.com, Inc. 2012 Incentive Plan that are forfeited after the Effective Date through and including December 31, 2013. As of the date hereof, there are 1,000 shares of Common Stock outstanding. No SAR shall be granted with an exercise price or grant price that is less than the FMV on the grant date.
- (b) <u>Award Agreements</u>. Each award of SARs granted pursuant to the Plan shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement, executed by IAC, the Company and the Participant, which shall specify the number of SARs awarded to the Eligible Person and shall incorporate such terms as the Committee shall deem necessary or desirable, including with respect to the vesting and exercise prices or grant prices of the SARs.

#### (c) Vesting.

- (i) <u>Continuation of Employment</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan and any Award Agreement, each SAR shall vest and no longer be subject to forfeiture (other than as provided in Section 5(c)(iii)) as provided in the applicable Award Agreement; <u>provided</u> that the vesting of SARs shall be contingent on continued employment by a Participant with the Company or its subsidiaries through the applicable vesting date. Any unvested SARs shall be immediately forfeited by a Participant without consideration and cancelled upon a Termination of Employment of such Participant, except as provided in Section 5(c)(ii) below. For purposes of the Plan, employment with the Company shall include employment with any direct or indirect subsidiary of the Company.
- (ii) <u>Change in Control</u>. Upon a Participant's Termination of Employment, during the two-year period following a Change in Control, (A) by the Company other than for Cause or Disability, or (B) by the Participant for Good Reason, any SARs outstanding as of such Termination of Employment which were outstanding as of the date of such Change in Control shall vest.
- (iii) Termination of Employment for Cause. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if a Participant incurs a Termination of Employment for Cause, a Participant resigns in anticipation of being terminated by the Company for Cause or following any termination of a Participant's employment with the Company for any reason, the Company becomes aware that during the two (2) years prior to such Termination of Employment with the Company there was an event or circumstance that would have been grounds for termination for Cause, and the basis of any such termination (x) causes, caused or is reasonably likely to cause significant business or reputational harm to the Company or any of its Affiliates (as determined in the good faith discretion of the Board) or (y) involves or involved fraudulent misconduct that relates to or harms the Company or any of its Affiliates (the circumstances of either (x) or (y), the "Underlying Event"), then (A) all SARs, whether or not vested, held by such Participant shall be immediately forfeited by the Participant without consideration and cancelled and (B) if any portion of the Participant's SARs were settled after the Underlying Event, the Company shall be entitled to recover from the Participant at any time within two (2) years after such settlement, and the Participant shall pay over to the Company, any amounts realized as a result of the settlement. This remedy shall be without prejudice to, or waiver of, any other remedies the Company or its subsidiaries or Affiliates may have in such event.
- (d) Exercise and Settlement (Private Company). This paragraph (d) shall apply solely during such time as shares of Common Stock are not traded on a national securities exchange. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan and any Award Agreement with a Participant, all vested SARs shall be exercisable and settled (as applicable) as follows:
- (i) General. Commencing in 2016 and as long as there are vested and exercisable SARs outstanding, IAC shall deliver to each Participant, no later than March 31 st, its written determination of the FMV (the "Annual FMV Notice") as of the date of delivery of such written determination. The vested SARs shall be exercisable by a Participant, in whole or in part, once each year during the 30-day period following each delivery of the Annual FMV Notice (each, an "Exercise Window"). The determination by Participant of whether to exercise any or all vested SARs during a particular Exercise Window shall be made by delivery of a written notice of exercise to IAC and the Company (the "Exercise Notice") by 5:00 p.m., New York time, no later than the 30 th day following the date of delivery of the applicable Annual FMV Notice, which Exercise Notice shall indicate the number of vested SARs to be exercised by Participant. If Participant elects to exercise any or all vested SARs, the Settlement Amount shall be paid as provided in Section 5(d)(iv). In no event shall a Participant's SARs be validly exercised unless such Participant has substantially complied with any restrictive covenants to which such Participant is subject.
- (ii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if during any Exercise Window, IAC determines in its sole discretion that the FMV determination contained in the applicable Annual FMV Notice is no longer accurate or appropriate (including by virtue of new information that became available following delivery of the Annual FMV Notice that materially impacts the Fair Market Value), then it shall promptly notify Executive and provide an updated Annual FMV Notice during the Exercise Window; provided, if the Exercise Window is otherwise scheduled to expire within 10 days of delivery of the updated Annual FMV Notice, it shall be extended to the 10 th tenth day following delivery of the Annual FMV Notice. In no event shall IAC be permitted to modify its determination of Fair Market Value for any SARs which have been exercised but not yet settled pursuant to Section 5(d)(iv).

- (iii) Exercise upon Termination. In the event of a Termination of Employment of a Participant (other than a Termination of Employment for Cause in which case Participant immediately shall forfeit all SARs), that portion of the SAR held by such Participant, if any, which is vested at the time of such Termination of Employment (including any portion vested pursuant to Section 5(e)(ii) above) shall be exercised, at IAC's election, (i) on the date that IAC delivers its written determination of the FMV as of the date of delivery (which such delivery shall occur not later than 60 days following such Termination of Employment) (the "Termination FMV") or (ii) during the next Exercise Window immediately following the date of such Termination of Employment.
- (iv) Settlement. Within five (5) business days following the receipt of the Exercise Notice or the delivery of notice of the Termination, as applicable, in full settlement of the number of shares with respect to which the SARs are exercised, each Participant who has exercised SARs shall be entitled to receive payment in an amount (the "Settlement Amount") equal to the excess, if any, of the FMV set forth in the most recently delivered Annual FMV Notice or the Termination FMV (as applicable) over the Exercise Price (as defined in the applicable Award Agreement) or grant price, as applicable, multiplied by the number of SARs being exercised. Payment of the Settlement Amount shall be made in a number of freely transferable shares of common stock, par value \$0.001, of IAC ("IAC Common Stock") with a value (based on the price as of the close of business on the trading day immediately prior to the date of settlement) equal to the Settlement Amount; provided that if there is a successor to IAC as the ultimate parent of the Company, and the common stock of the successor is publicly traded, the SARs shall be settled using common stock of the successor; provided further that any fractional shares of IAC Common Stock (or successor common stock) will be settled in cash. As long as shares of Common Stock are not traded on a national securities exchange, no Participant shall be entitled to receive any shares of Common Stock of the Company upon exercise of a SAR.
- (e) Exercise and Settlement (Public Company). This paragraph (e) shall apply during such time as shares of Common Stock are traded on a national securities exchange.
- (i) FMV for purposes hereof shall equal the closing price of a share of Common Stock on such exchange on the relevant date of measurement (or, if not traded on such measurement date, the next preceding date on which shares of Common Stock were traded).
- (ii) A SAR shall be exercisable in accordance with customary terms and conditions established by the Committee. Alternatively, the Company may convert SARs into stock options to acquire shares of Common Stock, and references in this Plan to SARs shall be deemed references to stock options.
- (iii) In the event of a Termination of Employment of a Participant (other than a Termination of Employment for Cause in which case Participant immediately shall forfeit all SARs), that portion of the SAR held by such Participant, if any, which is vested at the time of such Termination of Employment (including any portion vested pursuant to Section 5(c)(ii) above) shall remain exercisable for 90 days following such Termination of Employment and thereafter shall be forfeited.

#### 6. Withholding of Taxes.

- (a) To the extent IAC or the Company determines in its good faith discretion that, prior to exercise, a Participant is required to pay any federal, state or local taxes (or other required withholdings) by reason of any SARs granted hereunder being treated as wages or being included in such Participant's gross income, the Company shall be permitted to (i) require the Participant, promptly upon request by the Company, to pay to IAC or the Company any such amounts as may be required by law to be withheld by IAC or the Company or (ii) cause the Company to deduct any such amounts from any payment otherwise due from the Company to the Participant (including wage and bonus payments). IAC's or the Company's determination of the fair market value of the SARs granted hereunder for such purposes, and its calculation of the amount of taxes to be withheld, shall be binding on the Participant.
- (b) To the extent IAC or the Company determines in its good faith discretion that upon exercise a Participant is required to pay any federal, state or local taxes (or other required withholdings) by reason of the settlement of any SARs granted hereunder being treated as wages or being included in such Participant's gross income, the amounts payable to Participants under the Plan shall be reduced by the amount which IAC or any of its subsidiaries or Affiliates is required to withhold with respect to such payments under the then applicable provisions of federal, state or local income tax laws. Any such withheld amounts shall be treated for purposes of the Plan and any Award Agreement as having been paid to the Participant.
- 7. No Right to Continued Employment. The grant of SARs to a Participant pursuant to the Plan shall not confer upon the Participant any right to continue in the employ of the Company or any of its Affiliates or interfere in any way with the right of the Company or any such Affiliates to terminate the Participant's employment at any time.
- 8. No Rights as a Stockholder or Member. A Participant shall have no distribution, voting, or any other rights as a stockholder or member of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or Affiliates as a result of participation in the Plan or with respect to any SARs or shares of Common Stock underlying such SARs.
- 9. <u>Unfunded Plan</u>. The Plan is unfunded. Neither IAC nor any of its subsidiaries (including the Company) or Affiliates shall segregate any assets in connection with or as a result of the Plan. The rights of a Participant to benefits under this Plan shall be solely those of a general, unsecured creditor of IAC and its subsidiaries (including the Company).
- 10. <u>Amendment; Termination</u>. The Board or the Committee may, from time to time, amend, modify, change, suspend, or terminate, in whole or in part, any or all provisions of the Plan. No amendment, modification, change, suspension, or termination may materially and adversely affect any right of any Participant with respect to previously granted SARs, without his consent; <u>provided</u>, that Participants shall be deemed to consent to an amendment, change, suspension, or termination if approval is provided in writing by Participants holding a majority of the SARs granted hereunder outstanding and not forfeited at the time of such amendment.
- 11. Nontransferability. No right or interest to or in any SAR, payment or benefit to a Participant shall be assignable by such Participant except by will or the laws of descent and distribution. No right, benefit or interest of a Participant hereunder shall be subject to anticipation, alienation, sale, assignment, encumbrance, charge, pledge, hypothecation or set off in respect of any claim,

debt or obligation, or to execution, attachment, levy or similar process, or assignment by operation of law. Any attempt, voluntarily or involuntarily, to effect any action specified in the immediately preceding sentences shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be null, void and of no effect; provided, however, that this provision shall not preclude a Participant from designating one or more beneficiaries to receive any amount that may be payable to such Participant under the Plan after his or her death and shall not preclude the legal representatives of a Participant's estate from assigning any right hereunder to the person or persons entitled thereto under his or her will, or, in the case of intestacy, to the person or persons entitled thereto under the laws of intestacy applicable to his or her estate.

12. <u>Notices</u>. All notices and other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be given by first-class mail, certified or registered with return receipt requested or hand delivery acknowledged in writing by the recipient personally, and shall be deemed to have been duly given three days after mailing or immediately upon duly acknowledged hand delivery to the respective persons named below:

If to IAC: IAC/InterActiveCorp

555 West 18 th Street

New York, New York 10011

Attn: General Counsel Fax: (212) 632-9551

If to the Company: Tutor.com, Inc.

555 West 18 th Street New York, NY 10011

Attention: Board of Directors

If to a Participant, to the Participant's address as set forth in the applicable Award Agreement.

- 13. No Limitations on Corporate Actions. This Plan and the SARs granted hereunder shall have no effect on the Company's capital structure, and shall not affect the right of the Company, IAC or any of their respective subsidiaries or Affiliates to reclassify, recapitalize, issue equity or otherwise change its capital or debt structure or to merge, consolidate, convey any or all of its assets, dissolve, liquidate, windup or otherwise reorganize. The Board shall equitably and proportionately make adjustments to the Plan, the awards made hereunder, and the maximum number of SARs available for grant under the Plan to reflect any changes that the Board may deem appropriate as a result of any distribution, stock split, reverse stock split, combination, recapitalization, reclassification, merger, consolidation or similar transaction affecting the Common Stock. Upon the occurrence of any such events, the Board may make appropriate adjustments, taking into account a fair market valuation of the Company, as determined in good faith by either the IAC Board of Directors or an IAC senior executive officer (with notice to the applicable Participants), and treating each SAR as one share of Common Stock for which payment equal to the exercise price remains due and owing. Any good faith determination by the Board as to whether an adjustment is required in the circumstances pursuant to this Section 13 and the extent and nature of any such adjustments shall be conclusive and binding on all Participants. In addition, IAC will ensure that in connection with a Change in Control, the acquiring entity assumes all obligations of IAC hereunder. Any adjustments pursuant to this Section 13 shall be made in accordance with Section 409A of the Code.
- 14. <u>Successors</u>. The rights and obligations under the Plan and any Award Agreements shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be binding upon the Company, its successors and assigns, and the Participants and their respective beneficiaries and legal representatives.
- 15. Entire Agreement; Headings; Severability. This Plan and any Award Agreement contain the entire agreement and understanding among IAC, the Company and the Participants with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior agreements, understandings, arrangements and communications, whether oral or written, with respect to the subject matter hereof. Headings appearing in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be deemed to explain, limit or amplify the provisions hereof. The invalidity or unenforceability of any particular provision of this Plan or any Award Agreement shall not affect the other provisions hereof or thereof, and this Plan and/or such Award Agreement shall be construed in all respects as if the invalid or unenforceable provision were omitted.
- 16. <u>Effective Date</u>. The Plan shall be effective as of April 1, 2013 (the "Effective Date").
- 17. <u>Governing Law</u>. This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to principles of conflicts of law.
- 18. <u>Miscellaneous</u>. For the avoidance of doubt, (a) in the event a Participant exercises a SAR (whether during an Exercise Window or following a Termination of Employment), the date of determination of FMV, the exercise date and the settlement date shall occur in the same calendar year, and (b) the measurement date for purposes of establishing the exercise price of a SAR will be the Grant Date and the measurement date for purposes of determining the FMV on the date of exercise of a SAR will be the date of exercise of the SAR.
- 19. Section 409A of the Code. It is the intention of the Company that no SAR (or other award) shall be "deferred compensation" subject to Section 409A of the Code, unless and to the extent that the Committee specifically determines otherwise as provided in this Section 19, and the Plan and the terms and conditions of all SARs (or other awards) shall be interpreted accordingly. The terms and conditions governing any SARs (or other awards) that the Committee determines will be subject to Section 409A of the Code, including any rules for elective or mandatory deferral of the delivery of cash or shares pursuant thereto and any rules regarding treatment of such awards in the event of a Change in Control, shall be set forth in the applicable Award Agreement, and shall comply in all respects with Section 409A of the Code. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, with respect to any award that constitutes a "nonqualified deferred compensation plan" subject to Section 409A of the Code, if the Participant is a "specified employee" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code, any payments (whether in cash, shares or other property) to be

made with respect to the award upon the Participant's Termination of Employment shall be delayed until the earlier of (A) the first day of the seventh month following the Participant's Termination of Employment and (B) the Participant's death. Each payment under any award shall be treated as a separate payment for purposes of Section 409A of the Code. In no event may a Participant, directly or indirectly, designate the calendar year of any payment to be made under any award that constitutes nonqualified deferred compensation.

#### TUTOR.COM, INC. 2013 INCENTIVE PLAN FORM OF SARS AWARD AGREEMENT

Tutor.com, Inc. (the "Company"), pursuant to the Tutor.com, Inc. 2013 Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), hereby grants to the Participant listed below ("Participant"), the SARs set forth below, subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan and this Award Agreement. Unless otherwise defined herein, the terms defined in the Plan shall have the same defined meanings in this Award Agreement.

# I. NOTICE OF STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHT GRANT

Participant:			]					
Date of Grant:			]					
SAR								
	Exercise Price per SAR:	\$XXX						
	Total Number of SARs Granted:	[	]					
II.	AWARD AGREEMENT							
	1. <u>Grant of SARs</u> . The Company hereby grants to you the SAI above (the " <u>Exercise Price</u> "). Notwithstanding anything to the efinitions and provisions of the Plan, which are incorporated here	contrary anywhere						
your cor	2. <u>Vesting</u> . Subject to Section 5 of the Plan, 50% of your SA nird anniversary of the Grant Date and the remaining 25% of your tinued employment through the applicable vesting date. If you stately forfeited by you without consideration and canceled, except	r SARs shall vest on uffer a Termination	the fourth ar of Employme	niversary of the Grant Date, subject, in nt for any reason, any unvested SARs s	each case, to			
cash flo	3. Exercise. If the SARs are to be exercised and settled during the vested SARs shall be exercisable during the Exercise Window positive during fiscal 2015, there shall be no exercise window and expenditures being done on a lifetime profitable basis, as reason	dows in [2016, 2017 at the beginning of 2	and 2018]. [1 2016, unless t	Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Co	ompany is not			
[Decem	4. <u>Term</u> . Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan and ber 31, 2019].	this Award Agreem	ent, all SARs	held by you, whether vested or unveste	d, shall expire on			
	5. <u>Limitations on Transfer of SARs</u> . Except as set forth in Se	ection 11 of the Plan	, your SARs a	re not transferable.				
any way	6. <u>SAR Not an Employment Contract</u> . Your SARs are not an employment or service contract, and nothing in your SARs shall be deemed to create in ny way whatsoever any obligation on your part to continue in the service of the Company or any Affiliate in any capacity.							
	7. Notices. Any notices provided for in this Award Agreement or the Plan shall be given in writing in accordance with the Plan.							
	8. <u>SARs Subject to Plan Document.</u> The provisions of the Pla tations, amendments, rules and regulations that may from time to so of this Award Agreement.							
	This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, e	each of which shall l	be deemed an	original and all of which shall constitut	te one document.			
		TUTOR.COM, IN	IC.					
		By:						
		Name:						

IAC/INTERACTIVECORP

By: Name:

Participant acknowledges and agrees that the vesting of the SARs pursuant to this Award Agreement is earned only by continuing service with the
Company (not through the act of being hired, being granted or acquiring shares hereunder). Participant further acknowledges and agrees that nothing in this Award
Agreement or in the Plan shall confer upon the Participant any right to continue in the service of the Company, nor shall it interfere in any way with the Company's
right to terminate Participant's service at any time, with or without cause.

Participant acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Plan and represents that he or she is familiar with the terms and provisions thereof. Participant hereby accepts these SARs subject to all of the terms and provisions hereof. Participant further agrees to notify the Company upon any change in the residence address indicated below.

Dated:	
	PARTICIPANT
	Residence Address:

#### EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered by and between Gregory R. Blatt ("Executive") and Match Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company") and is effective as of April 27, 2016 (the "Effective Date").

WHEREAS, the Company desires to establish its right to the services of Executive, in the capacity described below, on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, and Executive is willing to accept such employment on such terms and conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements hereinafter set forth, Executive and the Company have agreed and do hereby agree as follows:

- 1A. <u>EMPLOYMENT</u>. During the Term (as defined below), the Company shall employ Executive, and Executive shall be employed, as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. During Executive's employment with the Company, Executive shall do and perform all services and acts necessary or advisable to fulfill the duties and responsibilities as are commensurate and consistent with Executive's position and shall render such services on the terms set forth herein. During Executive's employment with the Company, Executive shall report to the Board of Directors (the "*Board*") of the Company. Executive shall have such powers and duties with respect to the Company as may reasonably be assigned to Executive by the Board, to the extent consistent with Executive's position as Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Executive agrees to devote substantially all of Executive's working time, attention and efforts to the Company and to perform the duties of Executive's position in accordance with the Company's written policies as in effect from time to time
- 2A. <u>TERM</u>. This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue for a period of one (1) year. This Agreement shall automatically be renewed for successive one-year periods (ending on an anniversary of the Effective Date) unless one party hereto provides written notice to the other, at least ninety (90) days prior to the end of the then current one-year employment period, that it elects not to extend this Agreement, which notice shall be irrevocable (any such notice, a "*Non-Renewal Notice*"). The period beginning on the Effective Date and ending on the first anniversary hereof or, if the Agreement is renewed pursuant to the prior sentence, the last day of the last one-year renewal period, shall be referred to hereinafter as the "*Term*." Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 2A, Executive's employment hereunder may be terminated in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the Standard Terms and Conditions attached hereto.

#### 3A. COMPENSATION.

(a) <u>BASE SALARY</u>. During the period that Executive is employed with the Company hereunder, the Company shall pay Executive an annual base salary of \$1,000,000 (the "*Base Salary*"), payable in equal biweekly installments (or, if different, in accordance with the Company's payroll practice as in effect from time to time). The Base Salary may be increased

from time to time in the discretion of the Company. For all purposes under this Agreement, the term "Base Salary" shall refer to the Base Salary as in effect from time to time.

- (b) <u>DISCRETIONARY BONUS</u>. During the period that Executive is employed with the Company hereunder, Executive shall be eligible to receive discretionary annual bonuses (payable at the same time as bonuses of other executives at the Company, but in no event later than March 15 of the year following the year with respect to which such bonuses are payable), as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board.
- (c) <u>BENEFITS</u>. From the Effective Date through the date of termination of Executive's employment with the Company for any reason, Executive shall be entitled to participate in any welfare, health and life insurance, pension benefit and incentive programs as may be adopted from time to time by the Company on the same basis as that provided to similarly situated senior executives of the Company. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Executive shall be entitled to the following benefits:
- (i) <u>Reimbursement for Business Expenses</u>. During the period that Executive is employed with the Company hereunder, the Company shall reimburse Executive for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by Executive in performing Executive's duties for the Company, on the same basis as similarly situated senior executives and in accordance with the Company's policies as in effect from time to time.
- (ii) <u>Vacation</u>. During the period that Executive is employed with the Company hereunder, Executive shall be entitled to paid vacation each year, in accordance with the plans, policies, programs and practices of the Company applicable to similarly situated senior executives of the Company generally.
- (iii) <u>Travel</u>. Executive shall be entitled to first class commercial travel and accommodations with respect to Executive's business travel on behalf of the Company.
- 4A. <u>NOTICES</u>. All notices and other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be given by first-class mail, certified or registered with return receipt requested, or by hand delivery, overnight delivery by a nationally recognized carrier, facsimile transmission or PDF, in each case to the applicable address set forth below (or, if by facsimile transmission or PDF, to a facsimile transmission number or email account provided by the other party), and any such notice is deemed effectively given when received by the recipient (or if receipt is refused by the recipient, when so refused):

If to the Company: Match Group, Inc. 8300 Douglas Avenue

Suite 800

Dallas, TX 75225

Attention: General Counsel

If to Executive: At the most recent address for Executive on record at the Company.

Either party may change such party's address for notices by notice duly given pursuant hereto.

- 5A. GOVERNING LAW; JURISDICTION. This Agreement and the legal relations thus created between the parties hereto (including, without limitation, any dispute arising out of or related to this Agreement) shall be governed by and construed under and in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York without reference to its principles of conflicts of laws. Any dispute between the parties hereto arising out of or related to this Agreement will be heard exclusively and determined before an appropriate federal court located in the State of New York, or an appropriate New York state court, and each party hereto submits itself and its property to the exclusive jurisdiction of the foregoing courts with respect to such disputes. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that this Agreement was executed and delivered in the State of New York, that the Company is headquartered in New York City and that, in the course of performing duties hereunder for the Company, Executive shall have multiple contacts with the business and operations of the Company, as well as other businesses and operations in the State of New York, and that for those and other reasons this Agreement and the undertakings of the parties hereunder bear a reasonable relation to the State of New York. Each party hereto (i) agrees that service of process may be made by mailing a copy of any relevant document to the address of the party set forth above, (ii) waives to the fullest extent permitted by law any objection which it may now or hereafter have to the courts referred to above on the grounds of inconvenient forum or otherwise as regards any dispute between the parties hereto arising out of or related to this Agreement, (iii) waives to the fullest extent permitted by law any objection which it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue in the courts referred to above as regards any dispute between the parties hereto arising out of or related to this Agreement and (iv) agrees that a judgment or order of any court referred to above in connection with any dispute between the parties hereto arising out of or related to this Agreement is conclusive and binding on it and may be enforced against it in the courts of any other jurisdiction.
- 6A. <u>COUNTERPARTS</u>. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.
- 7A. <u>STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS</u>. Executive expressly understands and acknowledges that the Standard Terms and Conditions attached hereto are incorporated herein by reference, deemed a part of this Agreement and are binding and enforceable provisions of this Agreement. References to "this Agreement" or the use of the term "hereof" shall refer to this Agreement and the Standard Terms and Conditions attached hereto, taken as a whole.

# 8A. SECTION 409A OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

(a) The date of Executive's "separation from service", as defined in Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "*Code*"), and the rules and regulations issued thereunder ("*Section 409A*") (and as determined by applying the default presumptions in Treas. Reg. §1.409A-1(h)(1)(ii)), shall be treated as the date of his termination of employment for purposes of determining the time of payment of any amount that becomes payable to Executive under this Agreement and under any Plan upon his termination of

employment and that constitutes a deferral of compensation subject to Section 409A after taking into account all exclusions applicable to such payment under Section 409A.

- (b) To the extent any payment otherwise required to be made to Executive hereunder or under any Plan on account of his separation from service constitutes a deferral of compensation subject to Section 409A after taking into account all exclusions applicable to such payment under Section 409A, and Executive is a "specified employee" (within the meaning of Section 409A) as of the date of his separation from service, then such payment shall not be made prior to the first business day after the earlier of (i) the expiration of six months from the date of Executive's separation from service for any reason other than death, or (ii) the date of his death (such first business day, the "*Delayed Payment Date*"). On the Delayed Payment Date, there shall be paid to Executive or, if he has died, to his estate, in a single cash lump sum, an amount equal to the aggregate amount of all payments delayed pursuant to the preceding sentence, plus interest on such delayed payments for the period of such delay computed at the then applicable borrowing rate of the Company as of the commencement of such delay. In no event shall the Company be required to pay Executive any "gross-up" or other payment with respect to any taxes, interest or penalties imposed under Section 409A with respect to any benefit paid to Executive hereunder.
- (c) To the extent permitted under Section 409A, the Company also agrees to take any reasonable steps requested by Executive to avoid adverse tax consequences to Executive resulting from the failure of the terms of this Agreement or any Plan to comply with Section 409A or any operational failures to comply with the requirements of Section 409A in connection with any payments or benefits paid or provided to Executive under this Agreement or any Plan, provided that the steps so requested do not cause the Company to incur any additional costs (other than incidental costs) associated with taking such steps. Any modification to the terms of this Agreement or any Plan resulting from the immediately preceding sentence shall maintain the original intent and economic benefit to Executive of the applicable provision of this Agreement or such Plan, to the maximum extent reasonably possible without violating any applicable requirement of Section 409A and without requiring any additional payments to Executive.
- (d) To the extent that the reimbursement of any expenses or the provision of any in-kind benefits under this Agreement or under any Plan constitute "deferred compensation" under Section 409A (after taking into account all exclusions applicable to such payments or benefits under Section 409A), (i) any such reimbursement shall be paid as soon as administratively practicable after the expense in question has been incurred and Executive has submitted to the Company the documentation required for the reimbursement of such expense, but in no event later than December 31 of the year following the year in which the expense was incurred; (ii) the amount of such expenses eligible for reimbursement, or in-kind benefits to be provided, during any one calendar year shall not affect the amount of such expenses eligible for reimbursement, or in-kind benefits to be provided, in any other calendar year; and (iii) Executive's right to receive such reimbursements, or in-kind benefits, shall not be subject to liquidation or exchange for any other benefit.

- (e) In the case of any amounts payable to Executive under this Agreement, or under any Plan, that may be treated as payable in the form of "a series of installment payments", as defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-2(b)(2)(iii), Executive's right to receive such payments shall be treated as a right to receive a series of separate payments for purposes of such Treasury Regulation; provided, however, that in the case of any such amounts so payable under any Plan, the foregoing provision shall apply to the amounts so payable thereunder only if either (x) Executive first acquires a legally binding right to receive such amounts on or after the Effective Date, or (y) if he first acquired such right before such date, such Plan had a comparable separate payment designation provision in effect for the amounts so payable under the Plan either at the time Executive first acquired his legally binding right to such payments, or if later, on December 31, 2008.
- (f) For purposes of the foregoing, "Plan" shall mean any plan, program, agreement (other than this Agreement) or other arrangement maintained by the Company or any of its affiliates that is a "nonqualified deferred compensation plan" within the meaning of Section 409A and under which any payments or benefits are to be made or provided to Executive, to the extent they constitute a deferral of compensation subject to the requirements of Section 409A after taking into account all exclusions applicable to such payments or benefits under Section 409A.
- 9A. INDEMNIFICATION. The Company shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Executive to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law in effect at the time of the subject act or omission, and shall advance to Executive reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses as such fees and expenses are incurred (subject to an undertaking from Executive to repay such advances if it shall be finally determined by a judicial decision which is not subject to further appeal that Executive was not entitled to the reimbursement of such fees and expenses), and Executive will be entitled to the protection of any insurance policies that the Company may elect to maintain generally for the benefit of its directors and officers (subject to the terms and conditions contained therein), against all liabilities, costs, charges and expenses incurred or sustained by him in connection with a Proceeding if Executive acted in good faith and in a manner Executive reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to a criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe Executive's conduct was unlawful. For the purposes of this Section 9A, a "Proceeding" shall mean any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, in which Executive is made, or is threatened to be made, a party to, or a witness in, such action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that Executive is or was an officer, director or employee of Company or any of its affiliates or is or was serving as an officer, director, member, employee, trustee or agent of any other entity at the request of the Company. This Section 9A shall not limit Executive's rights to indemnification under the Company's bylaws and the Company's certificate of incorporation, as in effect from time to time.
- 10A. <u>Reduction of Certain Payments</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, in any other agreement between Executive and the Company or any plan maintained by the Company, if there is a Section 280G Change in Control (as defined in Section 10A(e)(i) below), the following rules shall apply:

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in Section 10A(c) below, if it is determined in accordance with Section 10A(d) below that any portion of the Contingent Compensation Payments (as defined in 10A(e)(ii) below) that otherwise would be paid or provided to Executive or for his benefit in connection with the 280G Change in Control would be subject to the excise tax imposed under section 4999 of the Code ("Excise Tax"), then such Contingent Compensation Payments shall be reduced by the smallest total amount necessary in order for the aggregate present value of all such Contingent Compensation Payments after such reduction, as determined in accordance with the applicable provisions of section 280G of the Code and the regulations issued thereunder, not to exceed the Excise Tax Threshold Amount (as defined in Section 10A(e)(iii) below).
- (b) If the Auditor (as defined in Section 10A(d) below) determines that any reduction is so required, the Payments to be reduced, and the reduction to be made to such Payments, shall be determined by the Auditor in its sole discretion in a manner which will result in the least economic cost to Executive, and if the reduction with respect to two or more Payments would result in equivalent economic cost to Executive, such Payments shall be reduced in the inverse chronological order of the dates on which such Payments were otherwise scheduled to be made to Executive, until the required reduction has been fully achieved.
- (c) No reduction in any of the Executive's Contingent Compensation Payments shall be made pursuant to Section 10A(a) above if it is determined in accordance with Section 10A(d) below that the After Tax Amount of the Contingent Compensation Payments payable to Executive without such reduction would exceed the After Tax Amount of the reduced Contingent Compensation Payments payable to him in accordance with Section 10A(a) above. For purposes of the foregoing, (x) the "After Tax Amount" of the Contingent Compensation Payments, as computed with, and as computed without, the reduction provided for under Section 10A(a) above, shall mean the amount of the Contingent Compensation Payments, as so computed, that Executive would retain after payment of all taxes (including without limitation any federal, state or local income taxes, the Excise Tax or any other excise taxes, any medicare or other employment taxes, and any other taxes) imposed on such Contingent Compensation Payments in the year or years in which payable; and (y) the amount of such taxes shall be computed at the rates in effect under the applicable tax laws in the year in which the 280G Change in Control occurs, or if then ascertainable, the rates in effect under the applicable tax laws in the year in which the 280G Change in Control occurs, or if then ascertainable, the rates in effect in any later year in which any Contingent Compensation Payment is expected to be paid following the 280G Change in Control, and in the case of any income taxes, by using the maximum combined federal, state and (if applicable) local income tax rates then in effect under such laws.
- (d) A determination as to whether any Excise Tax is payable with respect to Executive's Contingent Compensation Payments and if so, as to the amount thereof, and a determination as to whether any reduction in Executive's Contingent Compensation Payments is required pursuant to the provisions of Sections 10A(a) and 10A(c) above, and if so, as to the amount of the reduction so required, shall be made by no later than 15 days prior to the closing of the transaction or the occurrence of the event that constitutes the 280G Change in Control. Such determinations, and the assumptions to be utilized in arriving at such determinations, shall be made by an independent auditor (the "Auditor") jointly selected by Executive and the

Company, all of whose fees and expenses shall be borne and directly paid solely by the Company. The Auditor shall be a nationally recognized public accounting firm which has not, during the two years preceding the date of its selection, acted in any way on behalf of the Company or any of its affiliates. If Executive and the Company cannot agree on the firm to serve as the Auditor, then Executive and the Company shall each select one accounting firm and those two firms shall jointly select the accounting firm to serve as the Auditor. The Auditor shall provide a written report of its determinations, including detailed supporting calculations, both to Executive and to the Company. The determinations made by the Auditor pursuant to this Section 10A(d) shall be binding upon Executive and the Company.

- (e) For purposes of the foregoing, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:
- (i) "280G Change in Control" shall mean a change in the ownership or effective control of the Company or in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the Company, as determined in accordance with section 280G(b)(2) of the Code and the regulations issued thereunder.
- (ii) "Contingent Compensation Payment" shall mean any payment or benefit in the nature of compensation that is to be paid or provided to Executive or for his benefit in connection with a 280G Change in Control (whether under this Agreement or otherwise, including by the entity, or by any affiliate of the entity, whose acquisition of the stock of the Company or its assets constitutes the Change in Control) if Executive is a "disqualified individual" (as defined in section 280G(c) of the Code) at the time of the 280G Change in Control, to the extent that such payment or benefit is "contingent" on the 280G Change in Control within the meaning of section 280G(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Code and the regulations issued thereunder.
- (iii) "*Excise Tax Threshold Amount*" shall mean an amount equal to (x) three times Executive's "base amount" within the meaning of section 280G(b)(3) of the Code and the regulations issued thereunder, less (y) \$1,000.

[The Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Agreement to be executed and delivered by its duly authorized officer and Executive has executed and delivered this Agreement on April 27, 2016.

Match Group, Inc.

/S/ GARY SWIDLER

By: Gary Swidler Title: CFO

/S/ GREGORY R. BLATT

Gregory R. Blatt

# STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

# 1. TERMINATION OF EXECUTIVE'S EMPLOYMENT.

- (a) <u>DEATH</u>. In the event Executive's employment hereunder is terminated by reason of Executive's death, the Company shall pay Executive's designated beneficiary or beneficiaries, within thirty (30) days of Executive's death in a lump sum in cash, (i) Executive's Base Salary through the end of the month in which death occurs and (ii) any Accrued Obligations (as defined in Section 1(f) below).
- (b) <u>DISABILITY</u>. If, as a result of Executive's incapacity due to physical or mental illness (" *Disability*"), Executive shall be unable to substantially perform Executive's duties with the Company for a period of four (4) consecutive months and, within thirty (30) days after written notice of a pending termination for Disability is provided to Executive by the Company (in accordance with Section 4A hereof), Executive shall not have been able to substantially perform Executive's duties, Executive's employment under this Agreement may be terminated by the Company for Disability. During any period prior to such termination during which Executive is absent from the full-time performance of Executive's duties with the Company due to Disability, the Company shall continue to pay Executive's Base Salary at the rate in effect at the commencement of such period of Disability, offset by any amounts payable to Executive under any disability insurance plan or policy provided by the Company. Upon termination of Executive's employment due to Disability, the Company shall pay Executive within thirty (30) days of such termination in a lump sum in cash (i) Executive's Base Salary through the end of the month in which termination occurs, offset by any amounts payable to Executive under any disability insurance plan or policy provided by the Company; and (ii) any Accrued Obligations.
- (c) TERMINATION FOR CAUSE; TERMINATION BY EXECUTIVE WITHOUT GOOD REASON. Upon the termination of Executive's employment by the Company for Cause (as defined below) or by Executive without Good Reason (as defined below), the Company shall have no further obligation hereunder, except for the payment of any Accrued Obligations (other than clause (iv) of the definition of Accrued Obligations, which shall not be paid to Executive) within thirty (30) days of such termination in a lump sum in cash. As used herein, "Cause" shall mean: (i) the plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, or conviction for, the commission of a felony offense by Executive; provided, however, that after indictment, the Company may suspend Executive from the rendition of services, but without limiting or modifying in any other way the Company's obligations under this Agreement; provided, further, that Executive's employment shall be immediately reinstated if the indictment is dismissed or otherwise dropped and there is not otherwise grounds to terminate Executive's employment for Cause; (ii) a material breach by Executive of a fiduciary duty owed to the Company, provided, that the Board determine(s), in the good faith discretion of the Board, that such material breach undermines the confidence of the Board in Executive's fitness to continue in his position, as evidenced in writing from the Board (it being understood that the determination as to whether such material breach occurred shall be based on an objective determination by the Board; (iii) a material breach by Executive of any of the covenants made by Executive in Section 2 hereof,

provided, however, that in the event such material breach is curable, Executive shall have failed to remedy such material breach within ten (10) days of Executive having received a written demand for cure by the Board, which demand specifically identifies the manner in which the Company believes that Executive has materially breached any of the covenants made by Executive in Section 2 hereof; (iv) Executive's continued willful failure to perform material duties required by this Agreement (other than any such failure resulting from incapacity due to physical or mental illness) following receipt of written notice from the Board which specifically identifies the nature of such willful failure to perform and a reasonable opportunity to cure; or (v) a material violation by Executive of any Company policy pertaining to ethics, wrongdoing or conflicts of interest, which policy had been disseminated to Executive or otherwise made generally available prior to such violation.

- (d) <u>TERMINATION BY THE COMPANY OTHER THAN FOR DEATH, DISABILITY OR CAUSE OR RESIGNATION BY EXECUTIVE FOR GOOD REASON</u>. If Executive's employment hereunder is terminated prior to the expiration of the Term by the Company for any reason other than Executive's death, Disability or Cause, or if Executive terminates his employment hereunder prior to the expiration of the Term for Good Reason, then:
- (i) the Company shall pay to Executive an amount equal to the Base Salary that would have been paid to Executive for the twelve (12) months from the date of such termination if Executive had remained employed during such period in the time and manner set forth below;
- (ii) the Company shall pay Executive within thirty (30) days after the date of such termination in a lump sum in cash any Accrued Obligations;
- (iii) any compensation awards of Executive based on, or in the form of, Company equity (e.g., restricted stock, restricted stock units, stock options or similar instruments), or any such awards based on, or in the form of, equity in any of the Company's subsidiaries or parent, (A) that are outstanding and unvested at the time of such termination of employment and that would have vested at any time through the six month anniversary of the Termination Date, assuming that all such awards vested on a monthly basis immediately shall vest on the Termination Date and with respect to equity awards other than stock options or stock appreciation rights, shall immediately be settled. Exhibit B hereto sets forth illustrative examples of the application of the accelerated vesting provision described in the immediately preceding sentence. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (1) any amounts that would vest under this provision but for the fact that outstanding performance conditions have not been satisfied shall vest only if, and at such point as, such performance conditions are satisfied, and (2) the terms of any future awards may be varied in the governing documents of such award.

The payment to Executive of the severance benefits described in this Section 1(d) (other than Accrued Obligations) generally (including any accelerated vesting) shall be subject to Executive's compliance with the restrictive covenants set forth in Section 2 hereof and Executive's execution within twenty-one (21) days following the date of termination of Executive's employment with the Company (or such longer period as may be required by

applicable law) and non-revocation (during the applicable revocation period) of a general release of the Company and its affiliates, in substantially the form annexed hereto as Exhibit A (the "*Release*"). A ny severance benefits due to Executive pursuant to Section 1(d)(i) shall be paid in equal biweekly installments (or, if different, in accordance with the Company's payroll practice as in effect immediately prior to Executive's Termination Date ) over the course of the twelve (12) month period beginning on the first business day of the second month following the month in which Executive's Separation from Service (as such term is defined below) took place (plus interest on the amount delayed from the date of termination to the date payment begins at the then applicable borrowing rate of the Company as of the commencement of such delay). Any severance benefits due to Executive pursuant to Section 1(d)(iii) shall vest on the Termination Date and (with respect to awards other than stock options and stock appreciation rights) be paid/settled within 60 (sixty) days after the Termination Date.

For purposes of this Agreement, "Good Reason" shall mean actions taken by the Company resulting in a material negative change in the employment relationship. For these purposes, a "material negative change in the employment relationship" shall include, without limitation, the occurrence of any of the following without Executive's prior written consent: (A) requiring Executive to report to any person or persons other than the Board, (B) a material diminution in title or the assignment of duties and responsibilities to, or limitation on duties of, Executive inconsistent with Executive's position as Chief Executive Officer of the Company, excluding for this purpose any such instance that is an isolated and inadvertent action not taken in bad faith or that is authorized pursuant to this Agreement, (C) Executive ceasing to be the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, other than pursuant to a termination of Executive's employment due to death, disability or Cause or a voluntary termination of employment without Good Reason, (D) any material reduction in Executive's Base Salary, (E) requiring Executive's principal place of business to be in a location other New York, NY, (F) the failure of the Company to nominate Executive to stand for election to the Board or the removal of the Executive from the Board, other than pursuant to a termination of Executive's employment due to death, Disability or Cause or a voluntary termination of employment without Good Reason, or (G) any other action or inaction that constitutes a material breach by the Company of the Agreement or any agreement between the Executive, on the one hand, and the Company or a Company subsidiary, on the other hand, regarding equity awards of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; provided that in no event shall Executive's resignation be for "Good Reason" unless (x) an event or circumstance constituting "Good Reason" shall have occurred and Executive provides the Company with written notice thereof within thirty (30) days after Executive has knowledge of the occurrence or existence of such event or circumstance, which notice specifically identifies the event or circumstance that Executive believes constitutes Good Reason, (y) the Company fails to correct the circumstance or event so identified within thirty (30) days after the receipt of such notice,

and (z) Executive resigns within ninety (90) days after the date of delivery of the notice referred to in clause (x) above. For avoidance of doubt, Executive ceasing to serve as Chairman of the Board of the Company (by Board decision or otherwise) shall not, in and of itself, constitute "Good Reason" for purposes hereof.

- (e) <u>MITIGATION; OFFSET</u>. In the event of any termination of Executive's employment hereunder, Executive shall be under no obligation to seek other employment. If Executive obtains other employment during the period of time in which the Company is required to make payments to Executive pursuant to Section 1(d)(i) above, the amount of any installment payments remaining to be made to Executive thereunder at the time such other employment commences shall be reduced, on a dollar for dollar basis, in the order of the scheduled dates of payment of such remaining installments (taking into account any delay in any installment payment required under Section 9A of the Agreement) by the amount of compensation received by Executive from such other employment on or prior to the scheduled date of payment of each such remaining installment. For purposes of this Section 1(e), Executive shall have an obligation to inform the Company regarding Executive's employment status following termination and during the period of time in which the Company is making payments to Executive under Section 1(d)(i) above.
- (f) <u>ACCRUED OBLIGATIONS</u>. As used in this Agreement, "Accrued Obligations" shall mean the sum of (i) any portion of Executive's accrued but unpaid Base Salary through the date of death or termination of employment for any reason, as the case may be; (ii) any unreimbursed business expenses; (iii) the value of any accrued and unused vacation days; (iv) any annual bonus payment allocated to or determined to be payable to Executive but not yet paid; and (v) any compensation previously earned but deferred by Executive (together with any interest or earnings thereon) that has not yet been paid and that is not otherwise scheduled to be paid at a later date pursuant to any deferred compensation arrangement of the Company to which Executive is a party, if any (provided, that any election made by Executive pursuant to any deferred compensation arrangement that is subject to Section 409A regarding the schedule for payment of such deferred compensation shall prevail over this Section 1(f) to the extent inconsistent herewith).
- (g) <u>NON-RENEWAL</u>. If the Company delivers a Non-Renewal Notice to Executive then, <u>provided Executive</u>'s employment hereunder continues through the expiration date then in effect, effective as of such expiration date, Executive's employment with the Company automatically will terminate and the Company and Executive shall have the same rights and obligations hereunder as they would if the Company had terminated Executive's employment hereunder at the end of the Term for any reason other than Executive's death, Disability or Cause.
- (h) <u>RESIGNATION FROM ALL POSITIONS</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, upon the termination of Executive's employment for any reason, unless otherwise requested by the Board, Executive shall immediately resign as of the Termination Date from all positions that he holds with the Company and any of its subsidiaries, including, without limitation, the Board and all boards of directors of any subsidiary of the

Company or any parent company of the Company. Executive hereby agrees to execute any and all documentation to effectuate such resignations upon request by the Company.

(i) <u>POST-TERMINATION EXERCISE PERIOD FOR STOCK OPTIONS</u>. In the event of Executive's termination of employment for any reason other than a termination of employment for Cause, any vested options to purchase Company stock, subsidiary stock or parent stock (including options vesting as a result of an acceleration of vesting upon a termination of employment without Cause or for Good Reason), shall remain exercisable through the date that is eighteen months following the date of such termination or, if earlier, through the scheduled expiration date of such options.

# 2. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION: NON-COMPETITION: NON-SOLICITATION: AND PROPRIETARY RIGHTS.

CONFIDENTIALITY. Executive acknowledges that, while employed by the Company, Executive has occupied and will occupy a position of trust and confidence. The Company has provided and shall provide Executive with "Confidential Information" as referred to below. Executive shall not, except as Executive in good faith deems appropriate to perform Executive's duties hereunder or as required by applicable law or regulation, governmental investigation, subpoena, or in connection with enforcing the terms of this Agreement (or any agreement referenced herein) without limitation in time, communicate, divulge, disseminate, disclose to others or otherwise use, whether directly or indirectly, any Confidential Information regarding the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates. " Confidential Information" shall mean information about the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, and their respective businesses, employees, consultants, contractors, clients and customers that is not disclosed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates for financial reporting purposes or otherwise generally made available to the public (other than by Executive's breach of the terms hereof or the terms of any previous confidentiality obligation by Executive to the Company) and that was learned or developed by Executive in the course of employment by the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, including (without limitation) any proprietary knowledge, trade secrets, data, formulae, information and client and customer lists and all papers, resumes, and records (including computer records) of the documents containing such Confidential Information. Executive acknowledges that such Confidential Information is specialized, unique in nature and of great value to the Company and its subsidiaries or affiliates, and that such information gives the Company and its subsidiaries or affiliates a competitive advantage. Executive agrees to deliver or return to the Company, at the Company's written request at any time or upon termination or expiration of Executive's employment or as soon thereafter as possible, all documents, computer tapes and disks, records, lists, data, drawings, prints, notes and written information (and all copies thereof) furnished by the Company and its subsidiaries or affiliates or prepared by Executive in the course of Executive's employment by the Company and its subsidiaries or affiliates; provided, that, Executive may retain his personal effects, copies of documentation reasonably necessary for Executive to prepare his tax returns and documents relating to Executive's compensation. As used in this Agreement, "subsidiaries" and "affiliates" shall mean any company controlled by, controlling or under common control with the Company.

# (b) <u>NON-COMPETITION</u>.

- (i) In consideration of this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration provided hereunder, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by Executive, Executive hereby agrees and covenants that, during Executive's employment with the Company and for a period of (12) twelve months thereafter, Executive shall not, without the prior written consent of the Company, directly or indirectly, engage in or become associated with a Competitive Activity.
- (ii) For purposes of this Section 2(b), a " *Competitive Activity*" means any business or other endeavor involving products or services that are the same or similar to products or services that any business of the Company is engaged in providing as of the date hereof or at any time during the Term (the " *Company Products or Services*"), <u>provided</u> such business or endeavor is in the United States, or in any foreign jurisdiction in which the Company provides, or has provided during the Term, the relevant Company Group Products or Services.
- (iii) For purposes of this Section 2(b), Executive shall be considered to have become "associated with a Competitive Activity" if Executive becomes directly or indirectly involved as an owner, principal, employee, officer, director, independent contractor, representative, stockholder, financial backer, agent, partner, member, advisor, lender, consultant or in any other individual or representative capacity with any individual, partnership, corporation or other organization that is engaged in a Competitive Activity.
- (iv) Notwithstanding anything else in this Section 2(b), (A) Executive may become employed by or provide services to a partnership, corporation or other organization that is engaged in a Competitive Activity so long as Executive has no direct or indirect responsibilities or involvement in the Competitive Activity, and (B) Executive may own, for investment purposes only, up to five percent (5%) of the outstanding capital stock of any publicly-traded corporation engaged in a Competitive Activity if the stock of such corporation is either listed on a national stock exchange or on the NASDAQ National Market System and if Executive is not otherwise affiliated with such corporation.
- Confidential Information about other employees, consultants and contractors of the Company and its subsidiaries relating to their education, experience, skills, abilities, compensation and benefits, and inter-personal relationships with suppliers to and customers of the Company and its subsidiaries. Executive recognizes that the information he possesses and will possess about these other employees, consultants and contractors is not generally known, is of substantial value to the Company and its subsidiaries in developing their respective businesses and in securing and retaining customers, and has been and will be acquired by Executive because of Executive's business position with the Company. Executive agrees that, during Executive's employment with the Company, and for a period of eighteen (18) months thereafter, Executive will not, directly or indirectly, solicit, recruit or hire any employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries (or any individual who was an employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries at any time during the six (6) months prior to such act of hiring, solicitation or recruitment) for the purpose of being employed by Executive or by any business,

individual, partnership, firm, corporation or other entity on whose behalf Executive is acting as an agent, representative or employee and that Executive will not convey any such Confidential Information or trade secrets about other employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries to any other person except within the scope of Executive's duties hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Executive is not precluded from soliciting or hiring any individual who (i) responds to any public advertisement or general solicitation, or (ii) has been terminated by the Company prior to the solicitation.

- (d) NON-SOLICITATION OF BUSINESS PARTNERS. During Executive's employment with the Company, and for a period of twelve (12) months thereafter, Executive shall not, without the prior written consent of the Company, persuade or encourage any business partners or business affiliates of the Company or its subsidiaries to cease doing business with the Company or any of its subsidiaries or to engage in any business competitive with the Company or its subsidiaries.
- (e) <u>PROPRIETARY RIGHTS; ASSIGNMENT</u>. All Employee Developments are and shall be made for hire by Executive for the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates. "*Employee Developments*" means any discovery, invention, design, method, technique, improvement, enhancement, development, computer program, machine, algorithm or other work or authorship that (i) relates to the business or operations of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, or (ii) results from or is suggested by any undertaking assigned to Executive or work performed by Executive for or on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, whether created alone or with others, during or after working hours (including before the Effective Date). All Confidential Information and all Employee Developments shall remain the sole property of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates. Executive has not acquired and shall not acquire any proprietary interest in any Confidential Information or Employee Developments developed or acquired during the Term or during Executive's employment with the Company before the Effective Date. To the extent Executive may, by operation of law or otherwise, acquire any right, title or interest in or to any Confidential Information or Employee Development, Executive hereby assigns to the Company all such proprietary rights. Executive shall, both during and after the Term, upon the Company's request, promptly execute and deliver to the Company all such assignments, certificates and instruments, and shall promptly perform such other acts, as the Company may from time to time in its discretion deem necessary or desirable to evidence, establish, maintain, perfect, enforce or defend the Company's rights in Confidential Information and Employee Developments.
- (f) <u>COMPLIANCE WITH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES</u>. During the period that Executive is employed with the Company hereunder, Executive shall adhere to the policies and standards of professionalism set forth in the Company's Policies and Procedures as they may exist from time to time.
- (g) <u>SURVIVAL OF PROVISIONS</u>. The obligations contained in this Section 2 shall, to the extent provided in this Section 2, survive the termination or expiration of Executive's employment with the Company and, as applicable, shall be fully enforceable thereafter in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. If it is determined by a court of

competent jurisdiction in any state that any restriction in this Section 2 is excessive in duration or scope or is unreasonable or unenforceable under the laws of that state, it is the intention of the parties that such restriction may be modified or amended by the court to render it enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by the law of that state.

- 3. TERMINATION OF PRIOR AGREEMENTS/EXISTING CLAIMS/AUTHORITY. Except for any agreements relating to currently outstanding equity awards as of the date of this Agreement (which remain outstanding, but subject to the terms of this Agreement), this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and, as of the Effective Date, terminates and supersedes any and all prior agreements and understandings (whether written or oral) between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. Executive acknowledges and agrees that neither the Company nor anyone acting on its behalf has made, and is not making, and in executing this Agreement, Executive has not relied upon, any representations, promises or inducements except to the extent the same is expressly set forth in this Agreement. The Company represents that it has due authority to enter into this Agreement and has taken all necessary corporate action to enter into this Agreement and provide the compensation set forth herein.
- 4. <u>ASSIGNMENT; SUCCESSORS</u>. This Agreement is personal in its nature and none of the parties hereto shall, without the consent of the others, assign or transfer this Agreement or any rights or obligations hereunder, other than Executive to his heirs and beneficiaries upon his death to the extent provided in this Agreement; <u>provided</u> that in the event of the merger, consolidation, transfer, or sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company with or to any other individual or entity, this Agreement shall, subject to the provisions hereof, be binding upon and inure to the benefit of such successor and such successor shall discharge and perform all the promises, covenants, duties, and obligations of the Company hereunder, and in the event of any such assignment or transaction, all references herein to the "*Company*" shall refer to the Company's assignee or successor hereunder.
- 5. <u>WITHHOLDING</u>. The Company shall make such deductions and withhold such amounts from each payment and benefit made or provided to Executive hereunder, as may be required from time to time by applicable law, governmental regulation or order.
- 6. <u>HEADING REFERENCES</u>. Section headings in this Agreement are included herein for convenience of reference only and shall not constitute a part of this Agreement for any other purpose. References to "this Agreement" or the use of the term "hereof" shall refer to these Standard Terms and Conditions and the Employment Agreement attached hereto, taken as a whole.

#### 7. REMEDIES FOR BREACH.

(a) Executive expressly agrees and understands that Executive will notify the Company in writing of any alleged breach of this Agreement by the Company, and the Company will have thirty (30) days from receipt of Executive's notice to cure any such breach. Executive expressly agrees and understands that in the event of any termination of Executive's employment by the Company during the Term, the Company's contractual obligations to Executive shall be

fulfilled through compliance with its obligations under Section 1 of the Standard Terms and Conditions.

- (b) Executive expressly agrees and understands that the remedy at law for any breach by Executive of Section 2 of the Standard Terms and Conditions will be inadequate and that damages flowing from such breach are not usually susceptible to being measured in monetary terms. Accordingly, it is acknowledged that, upon Executive's violation of any provision of such Section 2, the Company shall be entitled to obtain from any court of competent jurisdiction immediate injunctive relief and obtain a temporary order restraining any threatened or further breach as well as an equitable accounting of all profits or benefits arising out of such violation. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to limit the Company's remedies at law or in equity for any breach by Executive of any of the provisions of this Agreement, including Section 2, which may be pursued by or available to the Company.
- 8. <u>WAIVER; MODIFICATION</u>. Failure to insist upon strict compliance with any of the terms, covenants, or conditions hereof shall not be deemed a waiver of such term, covenant, or condition, nor shall any waiver or relinquishment of, or failure to insist upon strict compliance with, any right or power hereunder at any one or more times be deemed a waiver or relinquishment of such right or power at any other time or times. This Agreement shall not be modified in any respect except by a writing executed by each party hereto.
- 9. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>. In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any portion of this Agreement is in violation of any law or public policy, only the portions of this Agreement that violate such law or public policy shall be stricken. All portions of this Agreement that do not violate any statute or public policy shall continue in full force and effect. Further, any court order striking any portion of this Agreement shall modify the stricken terms as narrowly as possible to give as much effect as possible to the intentions of the parties under this Agreement.

[The Signature Page Follows]

# ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED:

Date: April 27, 2016

Match Group, Inc.

/S/ GARY SWIDLER
By: Gary Swidler
Title: CFO

/S/ GREGORY R. BLATT Gregory R. Blatt

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# Form of Release

**THIS RELEASE** (the "Release") is entered into between Gregory R. Blatt ("Executive") and Match Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), for the benefit of the Company. The entering into and non-revocation of this Release is a condition to Executive's right to receive certain payments and benefits under Sections 1(d)(i) and (iii) of the employment agreement entered into by and between Executive and the Company, dated as of [DATE], 2016 (the "Employment Agreement"). Capitalized terms used and not defined herein shall have the meaning provided in the Employment Agreement.

Accordingly, Executive and the Company agree as follows.

- 1. In consideration for the payments and other benefits provided to Executive by the Employment Agreement, to which Executive is not otherwise entitled, and the sufficiency of which Executive acknowledges, Executive represents and agrees, as follows:
- (a) Executive, for himself, his heirs, administrators, representatives, executors, successors and assigns (collectively "Releasers"), hereby irrevocably and unconditionally releases, acquits and forever discharges and agrees not to sue the Company or any of its parents, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates and related entities and their current and former directors, officers, shareholders, trustees, employees, consultants, independent contractors, representatives, agents, servants, successors and assigns and all persons acting by, through or under or in concert with any of them (collectively "Releasees"), from all claims, rights and liabilities up to and including the date of this Release arising from or relating to Executive's employment with, or termination of employment from, the Company, and from any and all charges, complaints, claims, liabilities, obligations, promises, agreements, controversies, damages, actions, causes of actions, suits, rights, demands, costs, losses, debts and expenses of any nature whatsoever, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected and any claims of wrongful discharge, breach of contract, implied contract, promissory estoppel, defamation, slander, libel, tortious conduct, employment discrimination or claims under any federal, state or local employment statute, law, order or ordinance, including any rights or claims arising under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 621 et seq. ("ADEA"), or any other federal, state or municipal ordinance relating to discrimination in employment. Nothing contained herein shall restrict the parties' rights to enforce the terms of this Release.
- (b) To the maximum extent permitted by law, Executive agrees that he has not filed, nor will he ever file, a lawsuit asserting any claims which are released by this Release, or to accept any benefit from any lawsuit which might be filed by another person or government entity based in whole or in part on any event, act, or omission which is the subject of this Release.
- (c) This Release specifically excludes (i) Executive's rights and the Company's obligations under Sections 4(a)(i) through (v) of the Employment Agreement; and (ii) Executive's rights under Section 8 of the Employment Agreement. Nothing contained in this Release shall release Executive from his obligations, including any obligations to abide by

restrictive covenants.	under the Emi	ployment	Agreement th	at continue or a	re to be	performed	following	termination	of em	nlov	zment

- (d) The parties agree that this Release shall not affect the rights and responsibilities of the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (hereinafter "EEOC") to enforce ADEA and other laws. In addition, the parties agree that this Release shall not be used to justify interfering with Executive's protected right to file a charge or participate in an investigation or proceeding conducted by the EEOC. The parties further agree that Executive knowingly and voluntarily waives all rights or claims (that arose prior to Executive's execution of this Release) the Releasers may have against the Releasees, or any of them, to receive any benefit or remedial relief (including, but not limited to, reinstatement, back pay, front pay, damages, attorneys' fees, experts' fees) as a consequence of any investigation or proceeding conducted by the EEOC.
- 2. Executive acknowledges that the Company has specifically advised him of the right to seek the advice of an attorney concerning the terms and conditions of this Release. Executive further acknowledges that he has been furnished with a copy of this Release, and he has been afforded forty-five (45) days in which to consider the terms and conditions set forth above prior to this Release. By executing this Release, Executive affirmatively states that he has had sufficient and reasonable time to review this Release and to consult with an attorney concerning his legal rights prior to the final execution of this Release. Executive further agrees that he has carefully read this Release and fully understands its terms. Executive understands that he may revoke this Release within seven (7) days after signing this Release. Revocation of this Release must be made in writing and must be received by the General Counsel at the Company, 8300 Douglas Avenue, Suite 800, Dallas, TX 75225 within the time period set forth above.
- 3. This Release will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of New York, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflicting provision or rule (whether of the state of New York or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the laws of any jurisdiction other than the state of New York to be applied. In furtherance of the foregoing, the internal law of the state of New York will control the interpretation and construction of this agreement, even if under such jurisdiction's choice of law or conflict of law analysis, the substantive law of some other jurisdiction would ordinarily apply. The provisions of this Release are severable, and if any part or portion of it is found to be unenforceable, the other paragraphs shall remain fully valid and enforceable.
- 4. This Release shall become effective and enforceable on the eighth day following its execution by Executive, provided he does not exercise his right of revocation as described above. If Executive fails to sign and deliver this Release or revokes his signature, this Release will be without force or effect, and Executive shall not be entitled to the payments and benefits of Sections 1(d)(i) and (iii) of the Employment Agreement.

		Gregory R. Blatt	
Date:			

# **Illustrative Example**

#### Assumptions:

Option covering 100,000 shares granted 11/1/2015 vests in annual installments over 4 years ("Tranche 1 Option").

Option covering 300,000 shares granted 4/1/2014 cliff vests on the 5 year anniversary ("Tranche 2 Option").

Good Reason termination event occurs on February 12, 2017.

Executive executes and does not revoke the Release during the applicable time frame.

Hypothetical Accelerated Vesting:

If the Tranche 1 Option vested in monthly installments, it would vest with respect to 2,083 shares per month. Therefore, the additional vesting in this hypothetical would cover 18,747 shares, or 2,083\*9. This number covers vesting on December 1, 2016, January 1, 2017 and February 1, 2017 and 6 months forward vesting beyond that for a total of 9 months of accelerated vesting. In this hypothetical, the Tranche 1 Option would have vested with respect to 20,000 shares on 11/1/2016, prior to the date of termination.

If the Tranche 2 Option vested in monthly installments, it would vest with respect to 5,000 shares per month. Therefore, the additional vesting in this hypothetical would cover 200,000 shares or 5,000\*40. This number covers vesting through February 1, 2017 (34 months) and 6 months forward vesting beyond that for a total of 40 months of accelerated vesting. In this hypothetical, no portion of the Tranche 2 option would have vested prior to the date of termination.

# Match Group, Inc. Subsidiaries As of December 31, 2016

Entity	Jurisdiction of Formation
Connect, LLC	Delaware
DatingDirect.com Limited	United Kingdom
Delightful.com, LLC	Delaware
Eureka SG Pte. Ltd.	Singapore
Eureka Taiwan	Taiwan
Eureka, Inc.	Japan
Five Star Matchmaking Information Technology (Beijing) Co., Ltd.	People's Republic of China
FriendScout24 GmbH	Germany
GetAFive, Inc.	Delaware
Hatch Labs, Inc.	Delaware
Higher Edge Marketing Services, Inc.	California
HowAboutWe, LLC	Delaware
Humor Rainbow, Inc.	New York
M8 Singlesnet LLC	Delaware
Mash Dating, LLC	Delaware
Massive Media Europe NV	Belgium
Massive Media Limited	United Kingdom
Massive Media Match NV	Belgium
Match Group Europe Limited	England and Wales
Match Internet Financial Services Designated Activity Company	Ireland
Match ProfilePro, LLC	Delaware
Match.com Europe Limited	United Kingdom
Match.com Events LLC	Delaware
Match.com Foreign Holdings II Limited	England and Wales
Match.com Foreign Holdings III Limited	England and Wales
Match.com Foreign Holdings Limited	England and Wales
Match.com Global Investments SARL	Luxembourg
Match.com Global Services Limited	United Kingdom
Match.com HK Limited	Hong Kong
Match.com International Holdings, Inc.	Delaware
Match.com International II Limited	England and Wales
Match.com International Limited	England and Wales
Match.com Investments, Inc.	Cayman Island
Match.com Japan KK	Japan
Match.com Japan Networks GK	Japan
Match.com LatAm Limited	England and Wales
Match.com Luxembourg SARL	Luxembourg

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**Entity Jurisdiction of Formation** Match.com Nordic AB Sweden Match.com Offshore Holdings, Ltd Mauritius Match.com Pegasus Limited England and Wales Delaware Match.com, L.L.C. Matchcom Mexico, S. de R.L., de C.V. Mexico Meetic Espana, SLU Spain Meetic Italia SRL Italy Meetic Netherlands BV Netherlands Meetic SAS France Delaware MM LatAm, LLC Mojo Acquisition Corp. Delaware Mojo Finance Co. Cayman Islands Neu.de GmbH Germany Nexus Limited England and Wales Parperfeito Comunicacao SA Brazil People Media, Inc. Delaware People Media, LLC Arizona Plentyoffish Media ULC British Columbia Plentyoffish Media, LLC Delaware Pretty Fun Therapy SAS France Search Floor, Inc. California Shoptouch, Inc. Delaware Soulmates Technology Pty Ltd. New South Wales Australia SpeedDate.com, LLC Delaware Spotlight Studios, LLC Delaware Tinder Development, LLC Delaware **Tinder France Services** France Tinder, Inc. Delaware TPR Education Canada, ULC Nova Scotia TPR Education Holdings, Inc. Delaware TPR Education IP Holdings, LLC Delaware TPR Education Offshore Holdings LLC Delaware TPR Education Worldwide, LLC Delaware TPR Education, LLC Delaware

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TPR/Tutor Holdings, LLC

Tutor.com, Inc.

# **Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-208202) of Match Group, Inc. of our reports dated February 28, 2017, with respect to the consolidated and combined financial statements and schedule of Match Group, Inc. and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Match Group Inc., included in this Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2016.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

February 28, 2017 New York, New York

#### Certification

#### I, Gregory R. Blatt, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 of Match Group, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - c) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: February 28, 2017

/s/ GREGORY R. BLATT

Gregory R. Blatt

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

#### Certification

#### I, Gary Swidler, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 of Match Group, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - c) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: February 28, 2017 /s/ GARY SWIDLER

Gary Swidler Chief Financial Officer

# CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

- I, Gregory R. Blatt, certify, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that, to my knowledge:
- (1) the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 of Match Group, Inc. (the "Report") which this statement accompanies fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m or 78o(d)); and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Match Group, Inc.

Dated: February 28, 2017 /s/ GREGORY R. BLATT

Gregory R. Blatt Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

# CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Gary Swidler, certify, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that, to my knowledge:

- (1) the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 of Match Group, Inc. (the "Report") which this statement accompanies fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m or 78o(d)); and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Match Group, Inc.

Dated: February 28, 2017 /s/ GARY SWIDLER

Gary Swidler
Chief Financial Officer